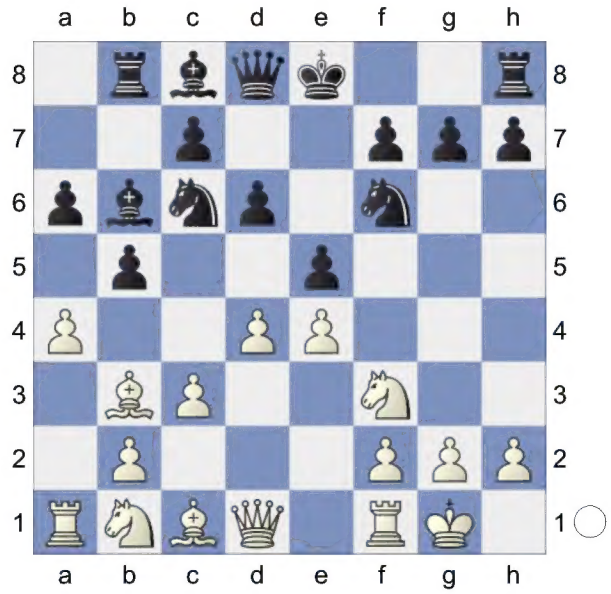
# The Ruy Lopez Archangelsk Variation 172 Reference Games

Chess Notes 2026

**1** **C78**
□ **Dominguez Perez,L** **2738**
■ **Aronian,L** **2737**
Saint Louis Blitz 2025 (4.3) 14.08.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

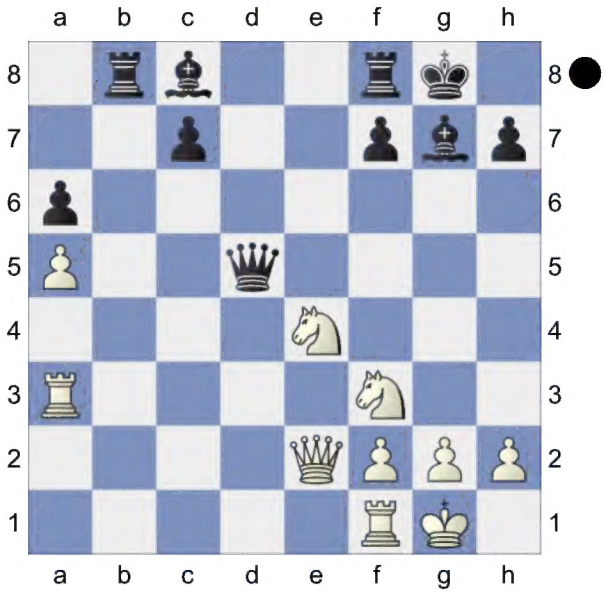
## C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6!**

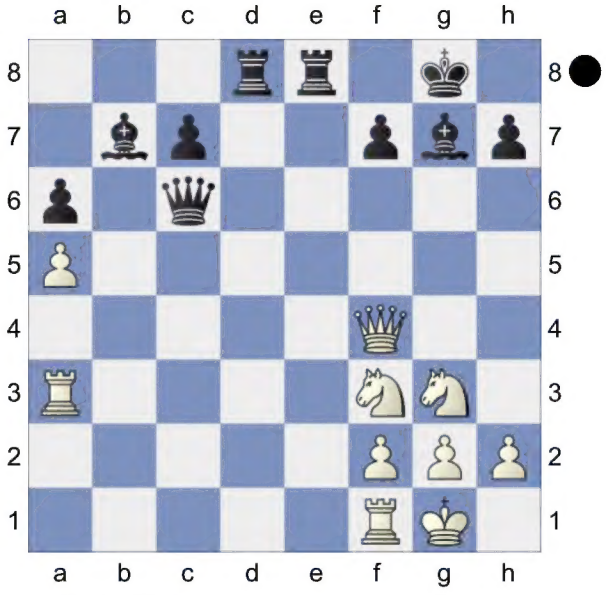


**10.a5!**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.Be3N** -0.01/21
[ 11.h3± 0.41/24 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**11...0-0** 0.67/23
[ 11...Bg4!= -0.01/21 ]
**12.dxe5±** White is slightly better.
**12...Bxe3 13.exf6 Bh6** 0.97/22
[ 13...Ba7± 0.48/23 ]
**14.fxg7 Bxg7 15.Nbd2 b4 16.Bd5 bxc3 17.bxc3**
[ 17.Bxc6 cxd2 18.Qxd2 Qf6 *( 18...Rxb2 19.Qd3∓ )*]
**17...Ne7 18.Bc4 Bxc3 19.Ra3 Bg7 20.Qe2 d5 21.exd5**
[ 21.Bxa6? Qd6 22.Bxc8 Qxa3-+ ]
**21...Nxd5 22.Bxd5** -0.56/20
[ 22.Qd3± 0.44/21 Nb4 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Qxh7 ]
**22...Qxd5∓ 23.Ne4** -0.94/22
[ 23.h3∓ -0.56/21 ]

(Diagram)



**23...Bb7** -0.29/22 This pair of bishops is nice.
[ 23...Bf5!∓ -0.94/22 24.Ng3 Rfe8 ]
**24.Ng3= Rfe8 25.Qc2 Qc6** Prevents Ra4 **26.Qd2 Rbd8! 27.Qf4**



**Rd4! 28.Qf5**
[ 28.Qg5 h6 ]
**28...Rd5 29.Qf4 Qd6 30.Qc1** -1.36/22
[White should try 30.Qxd6!∓ -0.57/24 cxd6 *( 30...Rxd6 31.Nf5= )* 31.Rb1 ]

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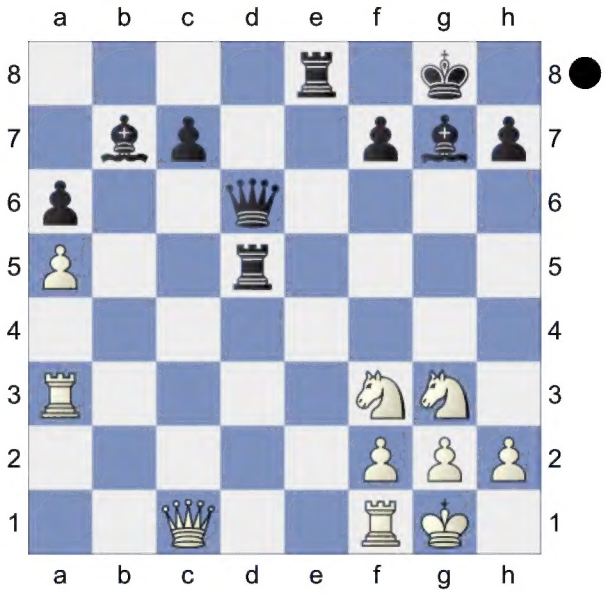

**30...Rd8** -0.54/21 Black is much more active.
[ 30...Bc6!∓ -1.36/22 31.Nh4 Rc5 ]
**31.h3!∓ Rd1 32.Rxd1** -1.06/20
[ 32.Qe3= -0.01/25 ]
**32...Qxd1+∓ 33.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 34.Kh2 Rd5** -1.22/22
[Better is 34...Bf8-+ -1.70/23 35.Re3 f6 ]
**35.Nh4** -2.54/21
[ 35.Ra4∓ -1.22/22 was forced. ]
**35...Bc8 36.Nf3 Be6** -1.47/23
[ 36...Bf8-+ -2.79/22 37.Rb3 Kg7 *( 37...Rxa5 38.Rb8∓ )*]
**37.Ra4** -2.45/20
[ 37.Rb3∓ -1.47/23 ]
**37...h6** -0.96/21
[ 37...Bf8-+ -2.45/20 and Black stays clearly on top. White must now prevent ...Bd7. 38.Ne4 Bg7 ]
**38.Ne4** -2.00/22
[ 38.Rc4∓ -0.96/21 was necessary. ]
**38...Bd7** -1.08/24
[ 38...f5-+ -2.00/22 39.Ned2 Rc5 ]
**39.Rc4 Rxa5 40.Rxc7 Bf5 41.Nc5** -3.81/25
[ 41.Nd6∓ -0.82/23 ]
**41...Bf8-+ 42.Nb7** Prevents Bd6+

**42...Rd5 43.g4** -6.44/23
[ ⌓43.Rc4 -4.05/24 Bd3 44.Rc8 ]
**43...Be4 44.Kg3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.24 (precise)
**44...Rd3**
**0-1**

**2** **C78**
□ **Yu Yangyi** **2714**
■ **Bu Xiangzhi** **2684**
3rd China Chess King 2025 rapid (4.2)
*[Kitty Kat]*

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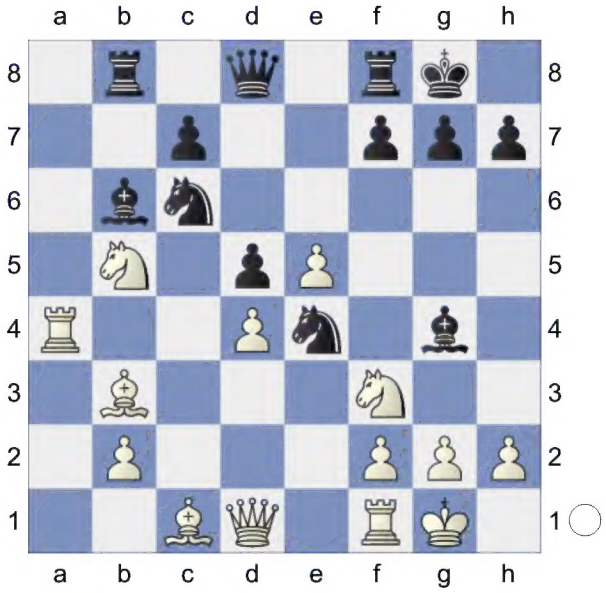
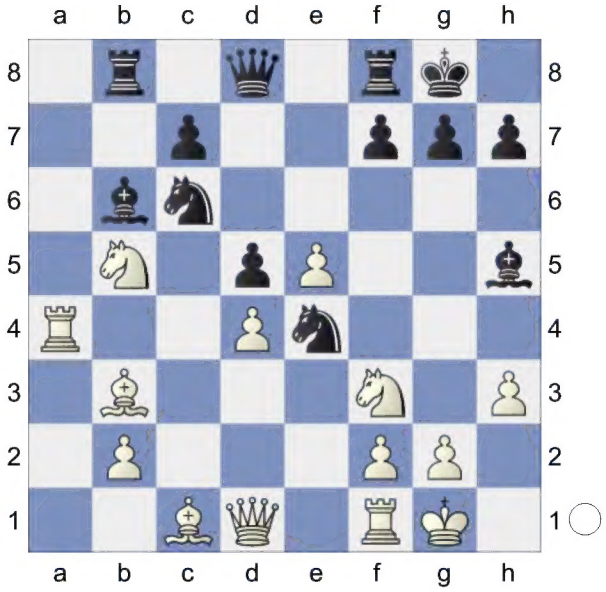
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Ra4N** -0.01/24
[ 13.Bc2± 0.36/22 Bxf3 *( 13...exd4 14.Nbxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nh5 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Be3 Ra8 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Rg1 Nf4 21.Bb3* ½-½ Arcusa,M (1840)-Miraoui,K (2095) Rohde op 06th 2006 (4)*)* 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 25.fxe4 dxe4 26.d5 Qf6 27.Bxb6 Qxb6 28.Qd4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
[ 13.Be3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Na5 16.Qxe4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxb3 18.Ra3 Na5 19.Rc1 d5 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Rac3 Ba5 22.Bxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxc7 Qxc7 24.b3 Rb4 25.bxc4 Rxc4 ½-½ Dominguez Perez,L (2610)-Charbonneau,P (2442) 88/(138) Buenos Aires 2003 ]
**13...exd4 14.cxd4 d5** 1.25/24
[ 14...Qe8!= 0.26/23 ]
**15.e5** White is better. **15...Ne4**



**16.h3! Bh5**



**17.Be3?** -0.59/24
[White has to play 17.g4!+- 1.67/24 ]

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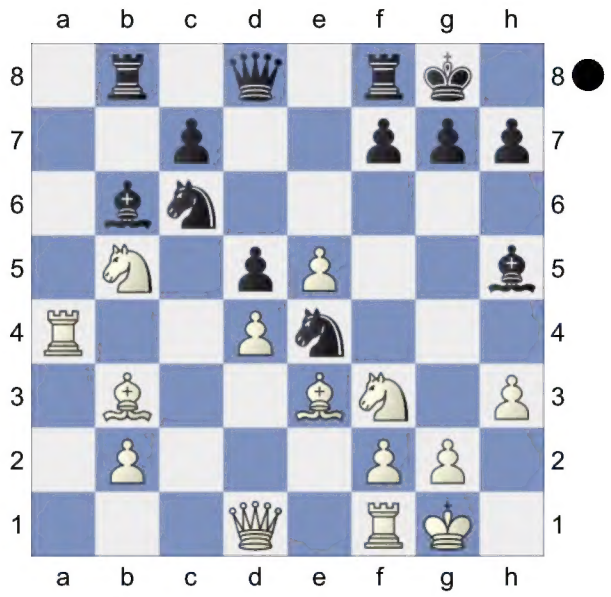
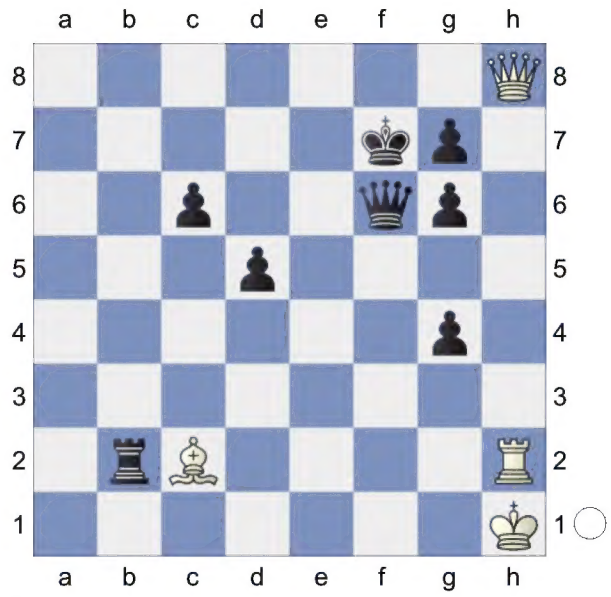


**17...Nxe5!∓ 18.dxe5 Bxe3** Discovered Attack **19.Nbd4** -1.11/28
[ 19.fxe3∓ -0.54/26 Rxb5 20.Bc2 ]
**19...Bxd4∓ 20.Rxd4 c6 21.Bc2 Ng5** -0.19/22
[ 21...Rxb2? 22.Bxe4 Qe7 23.Bf5+- ]
[ 21...Nc5!∓ -0.67/24 is superior. 22.b3 Ne6 ]
**22.g4= Bg6**
[ 22...Nxh3+ 23.Kh2± ]
**23.Nxg5 Qxg5 24.f4 Qh4**
[ 24...Bxc2 25.Qxc2 Qh4 26.Rd3 Rb6 ]
**25.f5 Qg3+ 26.Kh1 Qxh3+ 27.Kg1 Qg3+ 28.Kh1 Rxb2 29.Rd2 Qxe5 30.fxg6 hxg6 31.Qf3 f5 32.Rh2 Rf6 33.Qh3** Strongly threatening Qh8+. Really sharp! **33...fxg4 34.Qh8+** -1.34/5
[ 34.Qh7+= 0.01/31 remains equal. Kf8 35.Qh8+ Kf7 36.Rxf6+ Remove Defender Qxf6 37.Kg1 *( 37.Bxg6+ Qxg6 38.Rxb2 Qe4+ 39.Kg1 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 Qe4+ 41.Kf1 Qd3+ 42.Ke1 Qc3+ 43.Rd2 Qe3+ 44.Re2 Qg1+ 45.Kd2 Qd4+ 46.Kc2 Qa4+ 47.Kd2 Qd4+ 48.Ke1 Qg1+ 49.Kd2 Qd4+= )*]
**34...Kf7∓ 35.Rxf6+ Qxf6**



**36.Bxg6+!** Deflection **36...Ke7 37.Qe8+ Kd6 38.Rxb2**
[ 38.Qf7 simplifies Rxh2+ 39.Kxh2 Qxf7 40.Bxf7 Ke5 41.Kg3 ]
**38...Qxb2 39.Qf8+ Kc7**
[Don't play 39...Kd7 40.Bf5+ Kc7 41.Bxg4± ]
**40.Qf4+ Kb7 41.Qxg4 Kb6 42.Qf4 Qf6** Black has compensation. **43.Qb8+ Kc5 44.Qa7+ Kd6 45.Qb8+ Ke6 46.Qe8+ Kd6 47.Qb8+ Kc5 48.Qa7+ Kc4 49.Qa4+ Kc3 50.Qa3+ Kd4 51.Qb4+ Ke5 52.Qb8+ Kd4 53.Qb4+ Ke3 54.Qe1+ Kf4 55.Qd2+ Ke5 56.Qb2+ Ke6 57.Qe2+ Kd6 58.Bd3 c5 59.Qh2+ Kc6 60.Qc2 c4** And now ...Qf3+ would win. **61.Qa4+ Kd6 62.Qb4+** The position is equal. **62...Ke5 63.Qb2+ Ke6 64.Qb6+ Kd7⇄** Black has counterplay **65.Qb7+ Ke8 66.Qb8+ Kd7 67.Qb7+ Kd6 68.Qb6+ Ke5 69.Qe3+ Kd6 70.Qb6+ Ke7** ( -> ...Qf3+ ) **71.Qb7+ Ke6 72.Qb6+ Kf7 73.Qb7+ Ke8 74.Qb8+ Qd8 75.Bg6+ Kd7 76.Bf5+ Ke7 77.Qe5+ Kf8 78.Be6 d4 79.Bxc4 Qh4+ 80.Kg2 Qg4+ 81.Kf2 Qh4+ 82.Ke2** White threatens Qb8+ and mate.

**82...Qf6 83.Qb8+ Ke7 84.Qc7+ Kf8 85.Qc8+ Ke7 86.Qc7+ Kf8 87.Kd3 g5 88.Qc8+ Kg7 89.Be6 Qf3+ 90.Kxd4 Qf4+ 91.Kd5 Qd2+ 92.Ke4 Qf4+ 93.Kd3 Qf3+ 94.Kc4 Qf1+ 95.Kc5 Qf8+ 96.Qxf8+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
**96...Kxf8**
**½-½**

**3** **C78**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2773**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2605**
chess.com SpeedChess 2025 blitz (1.9)
*[Kitty Kat]*

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**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 Na5N** The position is equal.
[ 11...h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Qf7 26.Nb7 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**12.Bc2 c5 13.d5 Ng4 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bh4 c4 16.h3 Nh6 17.b4 Nb7 18.a4 Bd7 19.a5** -0.14/22
[ 19.Kh1± 0.35/20 ]
**19...Ba7= 20.Nf1 Qc7 21.Ne3 Nd8 22.g4 Ndf7 23.Bg3 Ng5 24.Kg2 Bxe3 25.Rxe3**

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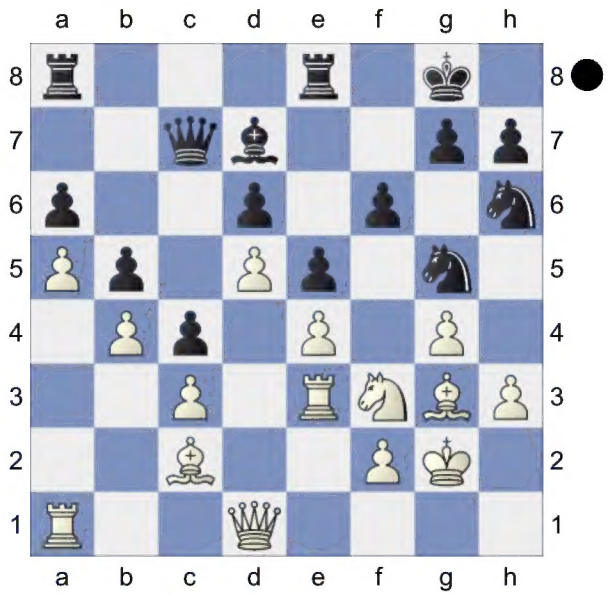



**Nxh3! 26.Kxh3 Nxg4 27.Kg2! Nxe3+ 28.fxe3 Rf8 29.Qh1 Qc8 30.Rf1 Qe8 31.Nh4 g6** Dodges Nf5. Black is weak on the dark squares **32.Kf2 Qe7 33.Ke1 Rf7**
[ 33...Kf7 is interesting. 34.Kd2 Rh8 35.Bd1 h5 ]
**34.Kd2 Raf8 35.Rg1 Rg7 36.Bd1 Kf7 37.Nf3 Ke8 38.Qh6 Kd8** 0.45/25
[ 38...Rgg8= 0.01/22 was preferable. ]
**39.Be2** White has compensation.
**39...Kc7 40.Rh1 Rff7 41.Nh4 Rg8 42.Nf3 Qf8 43.Qh2**
[ 43.Qxf8 simplifies Rgxf8 44.Rh6 Kd8 45.Nh2 ]
**43...Kb7 44.Nh4 f5 45.exf5 gxf5** 0.72/23
[ 45...g5= 0.01/22 46.e4 gxh4 47.Qxh4 h5 ]
**46.Qf2** 0.01/27
[ 46.Be1!± 0.72/23 ]
**46...Ka8 47.Kc2 Bc8 48.Kb2 Rfg7 49.Bh2 Rg5 50.Rf1 Qe7 51.Bf3 R5g7 52.e4 fxe4** 0.63/23
[ Black should try 52...f4= -0.01/24 ]
**53.Bxe4± Rg4 54.Nf5** White is more active. **54...Bxf5** 1.92/23
[ 54...Qf6± 0.83/24 55.Bg1 Qf7

*( 55...Rxe4 56.Qa7#; 55...Rxg1? 56.Rxg1 Rxg1 57.Qxg1+- )* 56.Nxd6 Qxf2+ 57.Bxf2 Rf8 ]

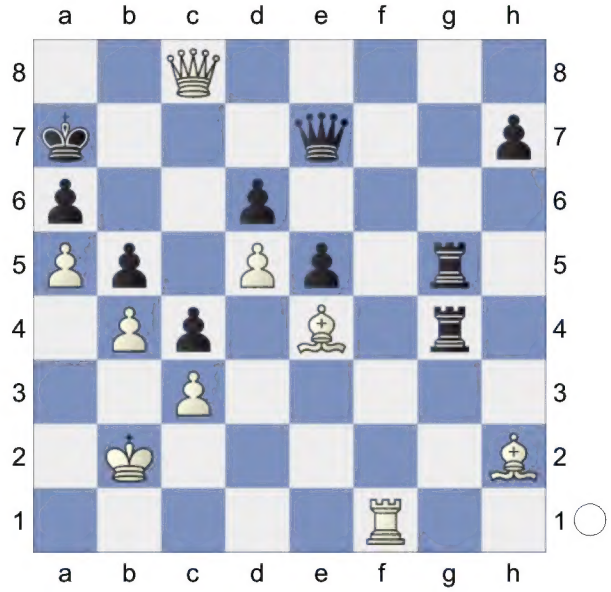
**55.Qxf5+- R8g5?** 33.75/29

[ 55...h5 1.81/22 ]

**56.Qc8+**

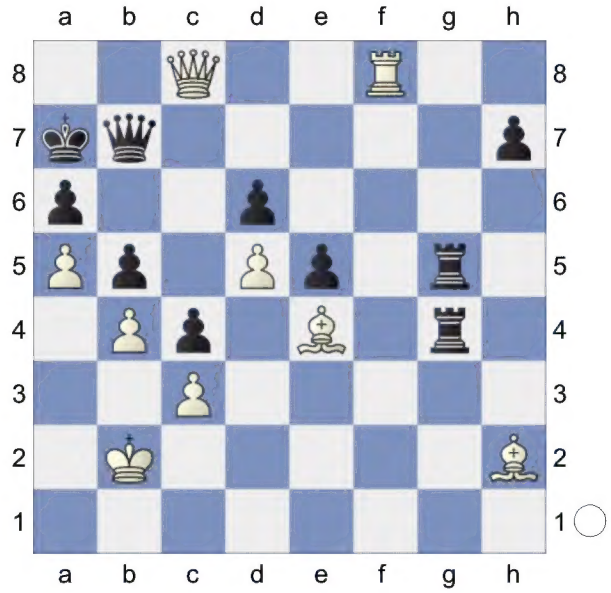
[ 56.Qxh7? too greedy. Rg2+ 57.Ka3 Qxh7 58.Bxh7 Rxh2-+ ]

**56...Ka7**



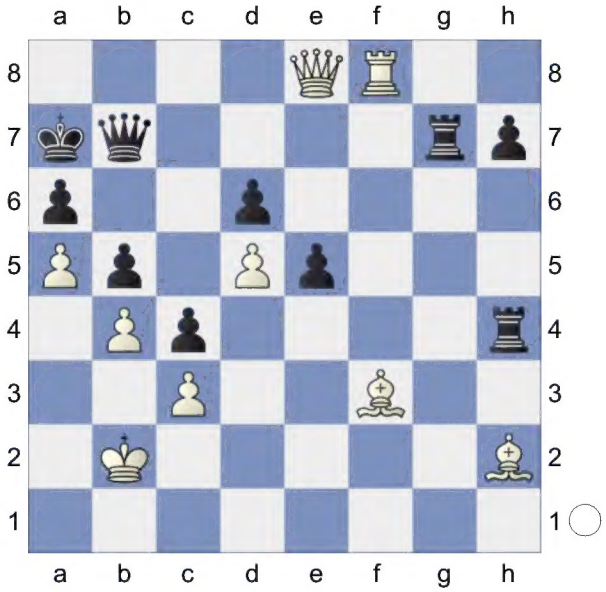
**57.Rf8! Qb7**

[ 57...Qxf8 58.Qxf8 ]



Dodges Qb8+ **58.Qe8** 9.59/25 **Rg7**

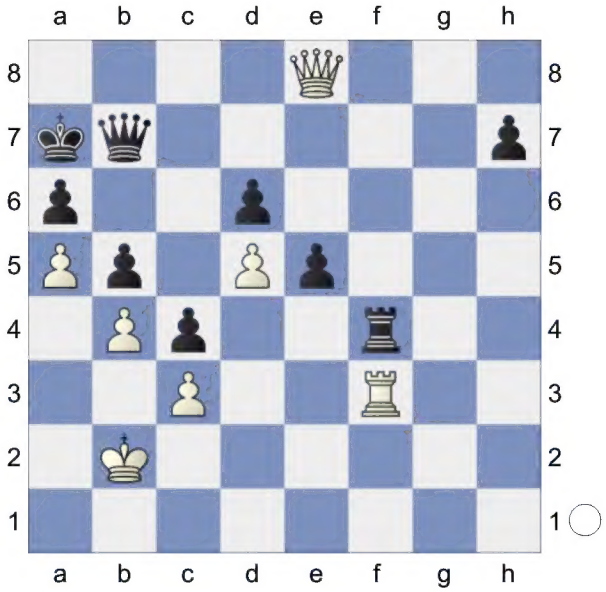
**59.Bf3 Rh4**



**60.Bg3!** 9.97/26 **Rxg3 61.Rf7** Pin **61...Rxf3 62.Rxf3** 6.20/23 Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is two pawns up.

[ ⌓62.Rxb7+ 19.12/30 Kxb7 63.Qd7+ Ka8 64.Qd8+ *( 64.Qxd6?* leads to mate. *Rh2+ 65.Kc1 Rf1# )* 64...Kb7 65.Qxh4 ]

**62...Rf4**



**63.Rg3! Rf2+ 64.Ka3** Qd8 would now be deadly. **64...Rf7 65.Rg8 Re7 66.Qd8 Rd7 67.Qf8** White threatens Qf2+ and mate. **67...Re7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.43
**68.Qf2+**
**1-0**

**4** **C78**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I** **2742**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2679**
Esports World Cup A 2025 blitz (52.2)
*[Kitty Kat]*

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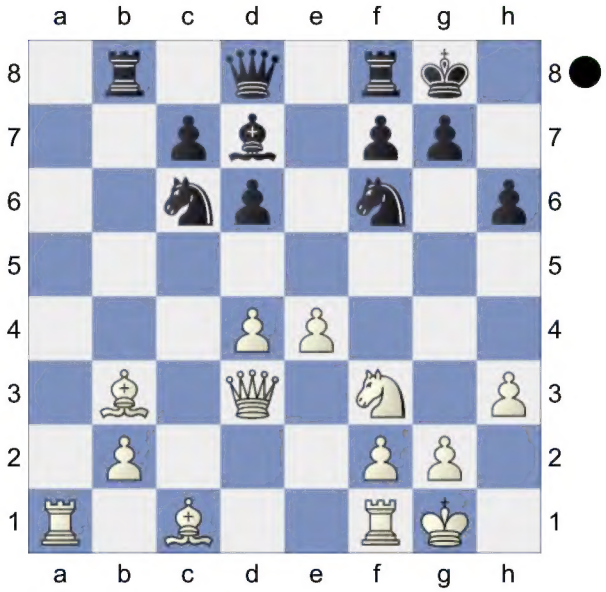
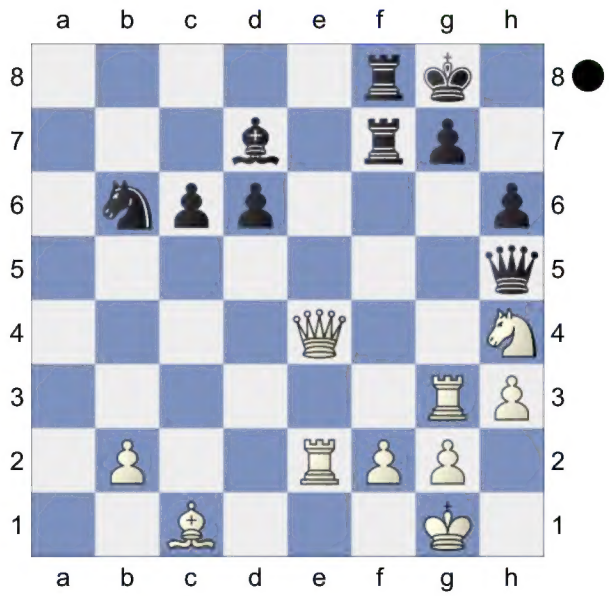
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8 10.axb5**
[ 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**10...axb5 11.Qd3N**
[ 11.Na3
**A)** 11...0-0 12.Nxb5 exd4 13.cxd4 Bg4 14.Be3 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Qe8 *( 15...Na5 16.Qxe4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxb3 18.Ra3 Na5 19.Rc1 d5 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Rac3 Ba5 22.Bxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxc7 Qxc7 24.b3 Rb4 25.bxc4 Rxc4* ½-½ Dominguez Perez,L (2610)-Charbonneau,P (2442) 88/(138) Buenos Aires 2003 *)* 16.Ba4 Bd7 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne7 19.c4 Bxa4 20.Rxa4 Nf5 21.Ra3 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Qc6 23.Ng5 g6 24.Qd3 Qd7 Chirila,I (2485)-Anton,T (2350) Budva 106/(95) 2009;
**B)** 11...Ba6 12.Re1 h6 13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Ne3 0-0 15.Nf5 Ne7 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C4 2000 ]
**11...Bd7 12.Na3**
[ 12.Qxb5? Nxd4 *( 12...exd4 13.Qd3= )* 13.Bxf7+ Kxf7-+ ]
**12...h6 13.Nxb5** White is slightly better.
[ 13.Qxb5? Nxd4 *( 13...exd4 14.Qd3∓ )* 14.cxd4 Bxb5-+ ]
**13...0-0 14.h3 exd4 15.Nbxd4**
[ 15.cxd4 d5 16.exd5 Nb4 17.Qc4 ]
**15...Bxd4 16.cxd4**
[ 16.Nxd4 is interesting. Nxd4 17.cxd4 Bb5 18.Bc4 ]



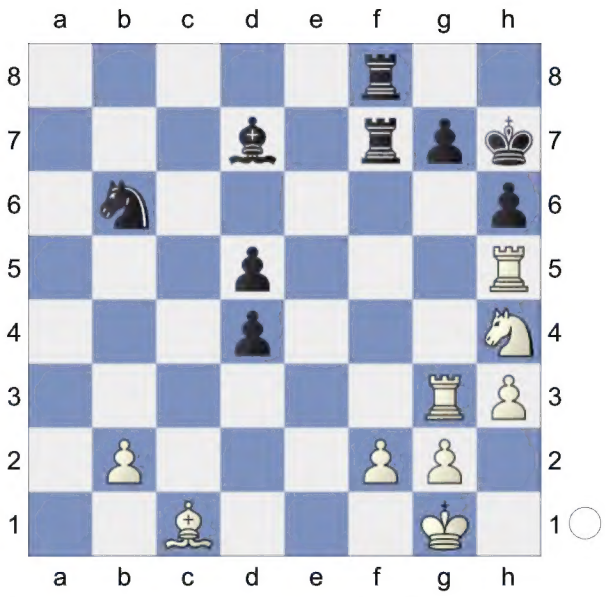

**16...Nxe4** Deflection **17.Bxf7+ Rxf7 18.Qxe4 Nb4 19.Ra3 Qf6 20.d5 Qf5! 21.Qc4 Nxd5** 0.46/24
[ 21...Qxd5= -0.23/23 22.Qxc7 Rc8 ]
**22.Rd1** -0.01/21
[ 22.g4!± 0.46/24 Qe6 23.Re1 ]
**22...c6= 23.Re1 Rbf8** -0.01/24
[ 23...Rb4∓ -0.38/22 24.Qf1 c5 ]
**24.Re2 Qg6 25.Nh4** -0.84/24
[ 25.Nd4= -0.01/21 ]
**25...Qh5∓** ...Nb6 would now be deadly.
**26.Rg3** -1.79/24
[ 26.Rb3∓ -0.82/22 ]

**26...Nb6-+ 27.Qe4** -4.40/25
[ 27.Qa6∓ -1.51/24 was forced. ]



**27...d5!** Deflection
[Weaker is 27...Re8 28.Qxe8+ Bxe8 29.Rxe8+ Rf8 30.Re7∓ ]
**28.Qd4 c5?** 1.27/21
[ 28...Qxe2-+ -4.66/26 29.Bxh6 Kh7 *( 29...Qxf2+? loses. 30.Qxf2 Ra8 31.Qxb6+- )*]
**29.Re5↑** Keeping Black busy. The board is on fire. White is more active.
**29...cxd4?** 2.95/21
[ 29...Qe2± 1.34/23 ]
**30.Rxh5+- Kh7** 6.84/24
[ 30...Be8 2.80/21 ]

(Diagram)



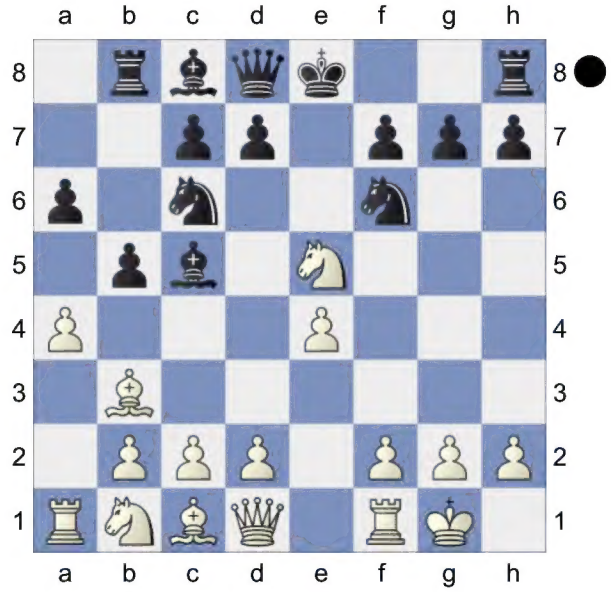
**31.Bxh6!** White is clearly winning.
**31...gxh6 32.Rg6 Rg7 33.Rxb6**
[ 33.Rhxh6+ Kg8 34.Rxg7+ *( 34.Rxb6 d3+- )* 34...Kxg7 35.Rg6+ *( 35.Rxb6 d3+- )* 35...Kf7+- ]
**33...Kg8 34.Rbxh6 Rf4 35.Rxd5 Bxh3 36.Ng6** Rd8+ would now be deadly.
**36...Rf6 37.Ne7+** Discovered Attack
**37...Kf7 38.Rxh3 Kxe7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.62
**39.Rxd4**
**1-0**

**5** **C78**
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2719**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2746**
WchT Rapid London (9.1) 13.06.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** 6...Bb7 is setting a new trend.6...Lb7 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7.a4**
[ 7.c3 Strongly threatening d4. d6

8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.h3 Bh5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.g4 Bg6 16.Nh4 Na5 17.f3 Nxb3 18.axb3 Nd7 19.b4 Inhibits Nc5. Rfd8 20.Rfd1! 1-0 (78) Anand,V (2754)-Aronian,L (2742) Global Chess League rapid 2023 (5.1) ]

**7...Rb8 8.Nxe5**



Deflection **8...Nxe5 9.d4 Bxd4 10.Qxd4 d6 11.axb5 axb5 12.c3N**

[ 12.f4 Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 ]

[ 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bg4 26.Nd4 Qb6 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]

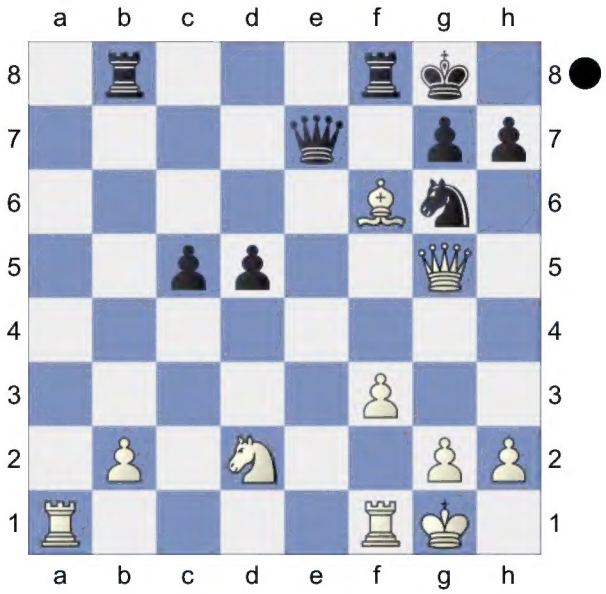
**12...c5 13.Qe3 0-0 14.f3N**

[ 14.Bc2 Re8 15.f3 b4 16.b3 bxc3 17.Nxc3 Nc6 18.Ne2 Nb4 *( 18...Nd5!? 19.Qd2 Ndb4∓ )* 19.Bb1 Ba6 20.Re1 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 ½-½ (106) Moskalets,S (2119)-Abdinova,N (2244) EU-ch U16 Girls 2024 (4) ]

**14...b4 15.cxb4 Rxb4 16.Bd2 Rb8 17.Ba5** Repels Qb6. A strong pair of Bishops. **17...Qe7 18.Nd2! Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Bc3 Ng6 21.Qg5** -0.01/23

[ 21.Ra5± 0.37/20 was preferable. ]

**21...d5 22.exd5 exd5 23.Bxf6**



Remove Defender **23...Qxf6 24.Qxd5+ Kh8 25.Ne4 Qxb2 26.Qxc5**

[ 26.Nxc5 Nf4 27.Qa2 Qe5= ]

**26...Nf4 27.Qf2 h6 28.Rad1 Qxf2+ 29.Rxf2 Rfd8 30.Rxd8+ Rxd8±** Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **31.Rc2 Rb8 32.h4 Kg8 33.Kh2 Rf8 34.Rd2 Rf5 35.g3 Ng6 36.Kg2 Ne5 37.Rd5 Nc4! 38.Rd3 Ne5 39.Rc3 Ng6 40.Rc8+ Kh7 41.Rc7 Kg8 42.Nc5** 0.25/21 White is more active.

[White should try 42.Nd6± 0.74/21 Ra5 43.Ne8 Ra2+ 44.Kh3 ]

**42...Rf7= 43.Rc6 Ne5 44.Re6 Nxf3** The position is equal. **45.Re8+ Kh7 46.Ne6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
**46...g5**
½-½

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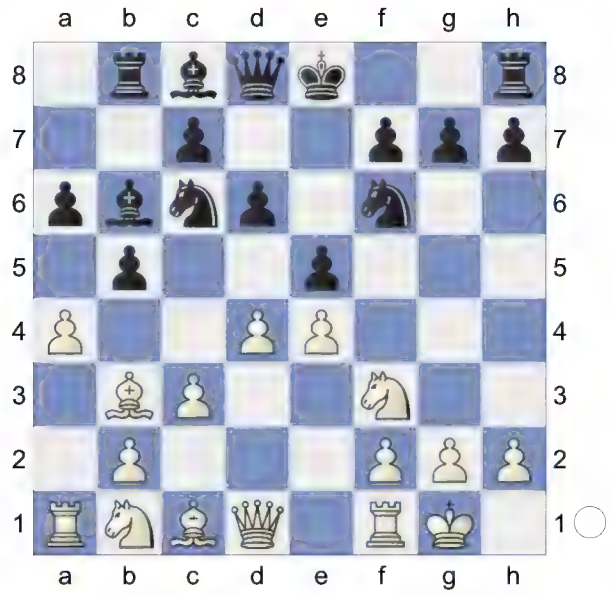
|---|---|
| **6** | **C78** |
| ☐ **Vatsal_1123_bot** | **2934** |
| ■ **Endogenetic-Bot** | **3063** |
| Rapid | 27.02.2025 |
| *[Kitty Kat]* | |

Blitz 10min+3sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6!**



**10.a5!**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3** Against Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...Nxe4N**
[ 12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**13.Bd5 exd4 14.cxd4 Qe8** Strongly threatening ...Nb4. **15.Re1!**
[ 15.Qc2 Nb4 16.Qxe4 Qxe4 17.Bxe4 f5∓ ]
**15...Nf6 16.Bg5 Nxd5 17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Nc3 Be6 19.Qb3 Ncb4 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Bd2 h6 22.Re1 c5! 23.dxc5 dxc5 24.Ne5 Ne7! 25.Qf3 c4**

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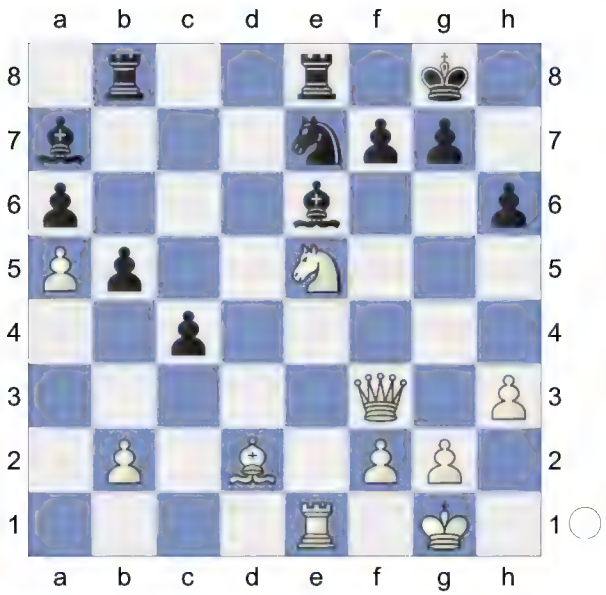
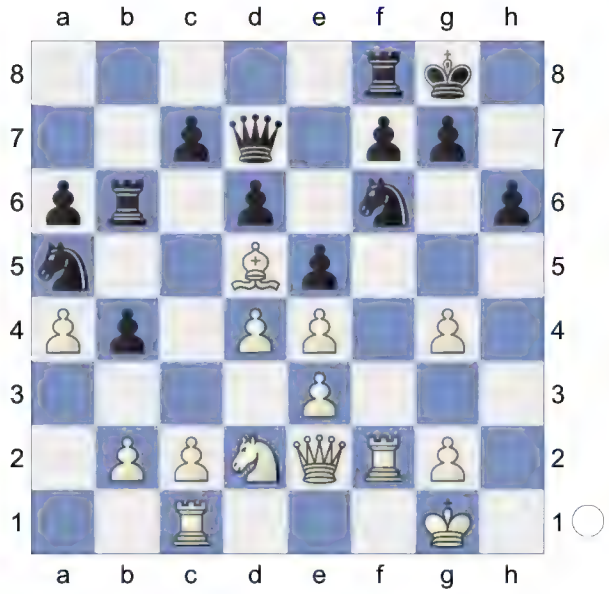


**26.Qa3!** White is more active. **26...Bd4 27.Bc3** 0.01/25
[ 27.Bb4± 0.38/25 Bxe5 28.Rxe5 ]
**27...Bxc3 28.bxc3** And now Qd6 would win. **28...Nd5! 29.Nc6 b4! 30.Nxb4 Nxb4 31.cxb4 Rb5 32.Qc3 Reb8 33.Rxe6** Remove Defender **33...fxe6 34.Qxc4 Rxb4 35.Qxe6+=** Endgame KQ-KRR **35...Kh8 36.Qd6 R4b5 37.g4 Ra8 38.Qc7 Rf8 39.Qc3 Rb7 40.f3 Rbf7 41.Kg2 Rf6 42.h4 Rf4 43.Qd3 Ra8 44.Qe2 Raf8 45.Qd3 Ra8**
[ 45...R4f7 simplifies 46.g5 Rxf3 47.Qxf3 Rxf3 48.Kxf3 Kh7 ]
**46.Kg3 Raf8 47.h5**
[ 47.Qxa6 Rxf3+ 48.Kh2 Rf2+ 49.Kg1 R2f4∓ ]
**47...R8f6 48.Qe3 g5 49.hxg6**
[ 49.Kg2 with more complications. Kg7 50.Qa7+ Kf8 51.Qb8+ ]
**49...Rxf3+ 50.Qxf3 Rxf3+ 51.Kxf3** K3P-KPP. White is a pawn up. **51...Kg7 52.Ke4 Kxg6** KPP-KPP **53.Ke3 Kg5 54.Kf3 h5 55.gxh5 Kxh5** KP-KP **56.Kf4 Kh4 57.Kf5 Kg3 58.Ke5 Kf2 59.Kd5** White threatens Kc6 and mate. **59...Ke3 60.Kc5** 0.74/32
[ 60.Kc6= 0.08/35 Ke4 61.Kb6 ]
**60...Ke4± 61.Kb6 Kd5 62.Kxa6** 1.24/29
[ 62.Kb7= 0.01/41 ]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
**62...Kc6**
**½-½**

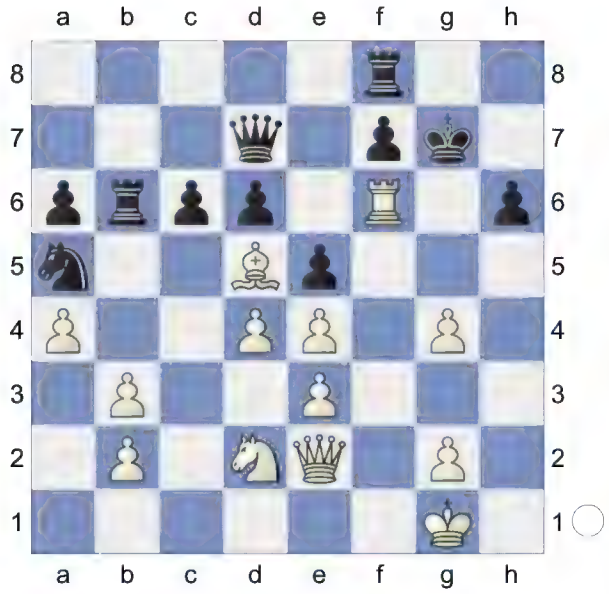
**7** **C78**
□ **RipTorn** **3073**
■ **BotAlexGrandMaster** **2794**
Blitz 23.02.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.a4**
[ 8.c3 h6 9.a4 Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bb6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 b4 15.Qc2 bxc3 16.bxc3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Nb4 Akopian,V (2712)-Cheparinov,I (2678) Jermuk 106/(95) 2009 ]
**8...Rb8 9.h3N**
[ 9.axb5 axb5 10.h3 *( 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Qe2 Nd7 13.c3 Qf6 14.g3 Ne7 15.Nh4 b4 16.Bc4 bxc3 17.bxc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 c6 19.f4 d5 20.Bxc5 Nxc5 21.fxe5 Qe6 22.Nb3 Na4 23.exd5 cxd5 24.Bb5 Qb6+* ½-½ (38) Nedev,T (2590)-Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2700) 94/354 Greece 2005*)* 10...h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Ne2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ke7 17.Qe1 Rhg8 18.Qh4 Rg6 19.Rxf6 1-0 Gregersen, E (1894)-Saliba,K (1570) Reykjavik op 2023 (1) ]
**9...b4 10.Be3 Bxe3** The position is

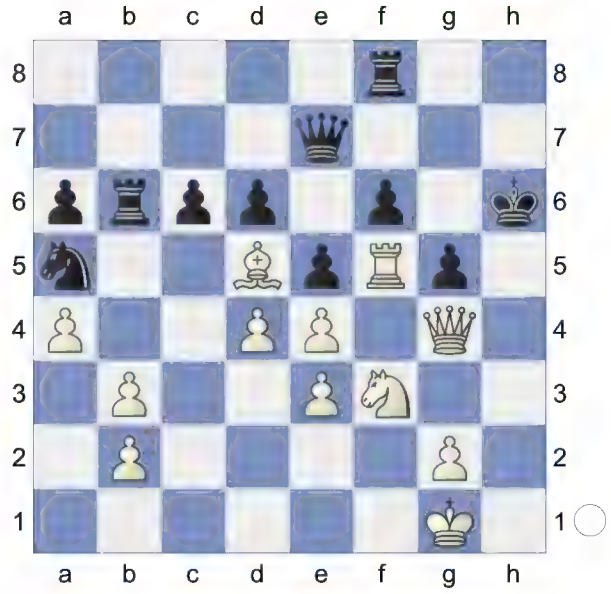
equal. **11.fxe3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Na5 13.Ba2 h6 14.Qe2 Rb6 15.Rf2 Rc6 16.Rc1 Bd7 17.Nh2 Nb7 18.d4 Na5 19.Ng4 Bxg4 20.hxg4 Qd7** 1.73/21
[ 20...Qe7± 0.47/19 ]
**21.Bd5+- Rb6**



**22.Rxf6! gxf6 23.Rf1! b3 24.cxb3**
Black is weak on the light squares
[ 24.Rxf6? bxc2-+ ]
**24...c6 25.Rxf6! Kg7**
[ 25...cxd5 26.g5 Nc6 *( 26...Nxb3 27.Rxh6 Kg7 28.Qh5± )* 27.Qh5+- ]



**26.g5 hxg5**
[ 26...cxd5 27.Qh5 Rh8 *( 27...Nxb3 28.Qxh6+ Kg8 29.g6 Rd8 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Rxf7+ Ke8 32.Qh8# )* 28.dxe5+- ]
**27.Rf5** White has more active pieces.
**27...f6 28.Qg4! Qe7** 2.20/25
[ ⌓28...Qe8 1.68/24 ]
**29.Nf3! Kh6** 1.78/23
[ 29...cxd5± 1.22/23 30.Nxg5 exd4 *( 30...fxg5? 31.Rxg5+ Kh8 32.Rh5++-; 30...Rxb3? 31.Ne6+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *Kf7 32.Rh5+- )*]



**30.Be6! Rb7**
[ 30...Qxe6? 31.Qh3+ Kg7 32.Rxg5+ Kf7 33.Rg7+ Kxg7 34.Qxe6+- ]

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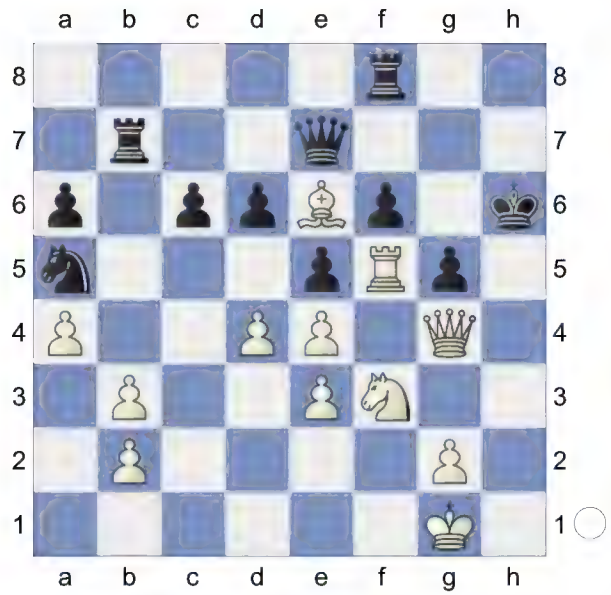
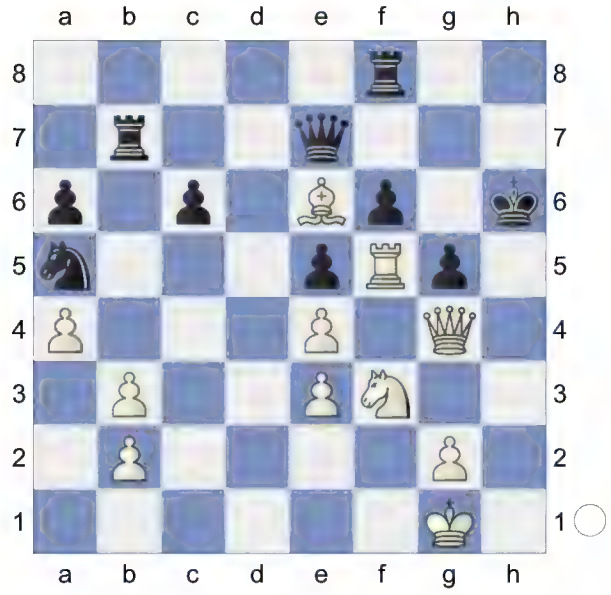


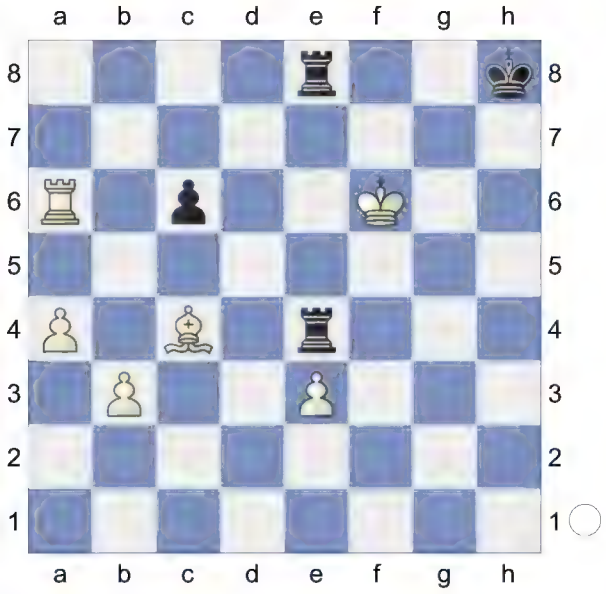
**31.dxe5! dxe5**



**32.Nxe5! fxe5**
[ 32...Qxe6? 33.Qh3+ Kg7 34.Rxg5+ fxg5 35.Qxe6+- ]
**33.Rxe5** and Qh3+ should not be overlooked **33...Qf6**
[ 33...Nxb3? 34.Qh3+ Kg7 35.Qg3+- ]
**34.Qh3+!**
[ 34.Rxa5 Qf2+ 35.Kh2 Qxe3± ]
**34...Kg7 35.Qg3→** White wants a kill.
[ 35.Rxa5?! Qd8 36.Rf5 *( 36.Rxa6? Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Rf1-+ )* 36...Rxf5 37.exf5 Qd2= ]
**35...Qf1+** 0.88/5
[ 35...Nxb3? 36.Rxg5+ Kh8 37.Qh4+ *( 37.Rg8+ Kh7+- )* 37...Rh7 38.Rg8+ Rxg8 39.Qxf6+ Rhg7 40.Bxb3+- ]
[ ⌓35...Kh8 1.45/26 36.Rf5 Qd8 *( 36...Qxe6? 37.Rxf8+ Kg7 38.Rf5+- )*]
**36.Kh2±** Dancing on a razor blade.
**36...Kh8**
[ 36...Nxb3 37.Rxg5+ Kf6 38.Qe5+ Ke7 39.Bg4+ *( 39.Bxb3+ Kd8+- )* 39...Kd8 40.Qd6+ Ke8 41.Bh5+ *( 41.Qxc6+ Ke7 42.Qxb7+ Kf6 43.Qg7# )*]
**37.Rxa5 Rh7+ 38.Bh3 Qf2 39.Qxf2**
[ 39.Rxa6 Qxb2 40.Ra5 *( 40.Qxg5? Rg8-+; 40.Rxc6 Qg7= )* 40...g4 41.Qxg4 Qxb3 ]
[ 39.Qxg5?! Qxb2 40.Rf5 *( 40.Rxa6? Rg8-+ )* 40...Rxf5 41.exf5 Qe5+ 42.Kg1 Rg7 43.Qd8+ *( 43.Qh6+ Kg8± )* 43...Kh7± ]
**39...Rxf2+-** Endgame KRR-KRB **40.Kg3** Against g4
[ 40.Rxg5 Rxb2 41.Rc5 Rxb3± ]
[ 40.Rxa6 g4 41.Rxc6 gxh3 *( 41...Rxh3+ 42.Kg1= )* 42.Rc8+ Kg7 43.Rc7+ Rf7-+ ]
**40...Re2 41.Kf3**
[ 41.Rxa6 Rxe3+ 42.Kg4 Rg7± ]
[ 41.Rxg5?! Rf7± ]
**41...Rxb2 42.Be6**
[ 42.Rxg5?! Rf7+ 43.Bf5 Rxb3± ]
[ 42.Rxa6?! Rxb3 43.Rxc6 Ra7± ]
**42...Re7?** 3.90/27
[ 42...Rh6 1.62/24 43.Bh3 Rxb3 ]
**43.Bc4 g4+ 44.Kxg4 Rxg2+ 45.Kf3 Rh2 46.Rxa6**
[ 46.Bxa6 Rh3+ 47.Ke2 Rxe4= ]
**46...Rh3+ 47.Kf4 Rh4+ 48.Kg5 Rhxe4 49.Kf6**
[ 49.Rxc6 Rxe3 50.Kg6 Rg3+ 51.Kf6

Re1= ]

**49...Re8**

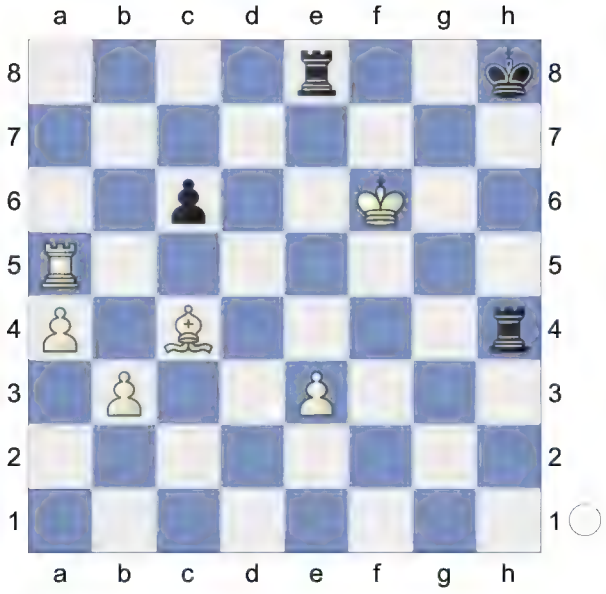


**50.Ra5!**

[Stronger than 50.Rxc6 Rxe3 51.Kg6 Rf8= ]

**50...Rh4**

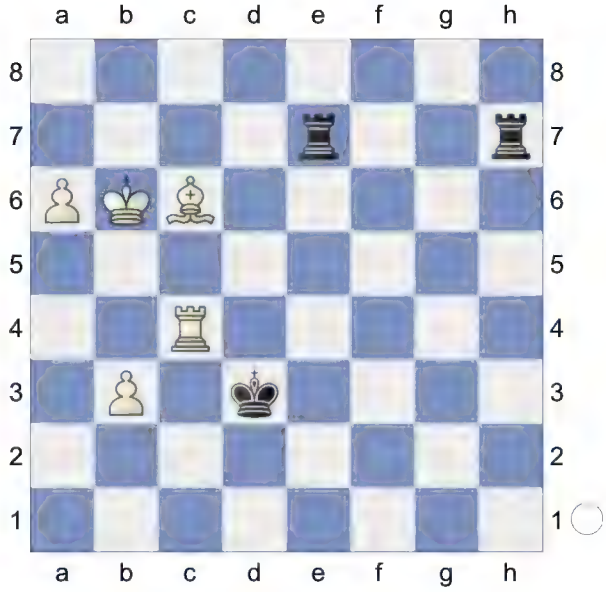
[ 50...Rf8+ 51.Bf7 Rh4 52.Ke7= ]



Prevents Rh5+. **51.Bf7! Rb8 52.Rf5 Rh6+ 53.Ke5 Ra8 54.e4 Kg7** and ...Ra5+ should not be overlooked **55.Bc4 Re8+ 56.Kd4 Rh4 57.a5 Rhxe4+ 58.Kc5 R4e7 59.a6**

[Less strong is 59.Kxc6 Rc8+ 60.Kb6 Rb8+ 61.Kc5 Kg6= ]

**59...Kg6 60.Rf1 Rh8 61.Rg1+ Kf5 62.Rg8 Rh6 63.Rc8 Ke4 64.Rxc6 Rh5+ 65.Kb6 Rhh7 66.Bb5 Kd4 67.Rc4+ Ke3 68.Bc6 Kd3**



**69.a7!** Deflection **69...Rxa7 70.Be4+ Ke3 71.Bxh7** KRB-KR **71...Rd7 72.Be4 Rd8 73.Bc6 Rb8+ 74.Bb7 Rg8 75.b4 Rg5 76.b5 Kd3 77.Rc5 Rg6+ 78.Bc6** Intending Rd5+ and mate. **78...Kd4 79.Rd5+ Ke3 80.Kc5 Kf4 81.b6 Kg4 82.b7 Rg8 83.Bd7+ Kh4 84.Bc8 Rg1 85.b8Q Rc1+ 86.Kd6** White mates. **86...Rc6+ 87.Ke7 Rc7+ 88.Bd7 Rxd7+ 89.Kxd7 Kg4 90.Qf8 Kh4 91.Qg8 Kh3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

**92.Rh5#**

**1-0**

**8** **C78**
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2694**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Jermuk Avagyan Memorial (3) 31.05.25
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8.d3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2N** is recently more successful than 10. axb5. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 10. axb5.
[ 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 24.Kf1 Rf6 ½-½ Polg Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th_145686 1997 (3) ]
**10...b4 11.Ne2 d5 12.Nxe5 dxe4 13.d4 Ba7 14.Bg5**

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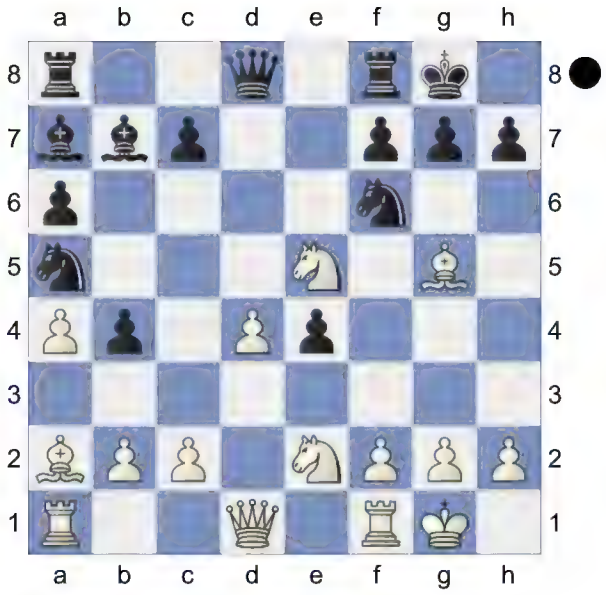


**Qd6!** **15.Bf4⇄** White is not holding back
[ 15.c3 0.01/22 15.Qd2 0.56 c5 16.Bf4 Threatens to win with Nxf7. Qe7! Black wants to play ...Bd5. 17.cxb4 cxb4 18.Bg5! Qd6 Strongly threatening ...Bd5. 19.Bf4! Qd8 *( 19...Nd5!? 20.Nxf7 Qb6∓ )* 20.Bg5 Qd6! 21.Bf4! Qb6 *( 21...Nd5!? )* 22.Bd2 Qd6 23.Qe1 Nc6! 24.Nxc6 Qxc6 25.Bxb4 ½-½ (32) Stubbs,M (2115)-Puzanov,V (2311) WS TT/1/23/1 email 2023 ]
**15...Qe7 16.Bg5 Qd6! 17.Bf4 Qe7 18.Bg5** An uneventful encounter.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)
**18...Qd6!**
**½-½**

**9** **C78**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2723**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2739**
Bucharest Superbet Classic 5th (9)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5!** 10.a5 is better than 10.axb5.10.a5 ist besser als 10.axb5.

[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.h3** Wards off Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Re1N** 0.02/21

[ 12.Be3± 0.40/24 is more appropriate. Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**12...0-0= 13.Be3 exd4**

[ 13...Nxe4?! 14.d5± ]

**14.cxd4 Nb4**

[ 14...Nxe4? 15.d5+- ]

**15.Nc3** Ng5 is in the air **15...Bxe4**

[ 15...Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bd2 Bxf3 18.Qxf3± ]

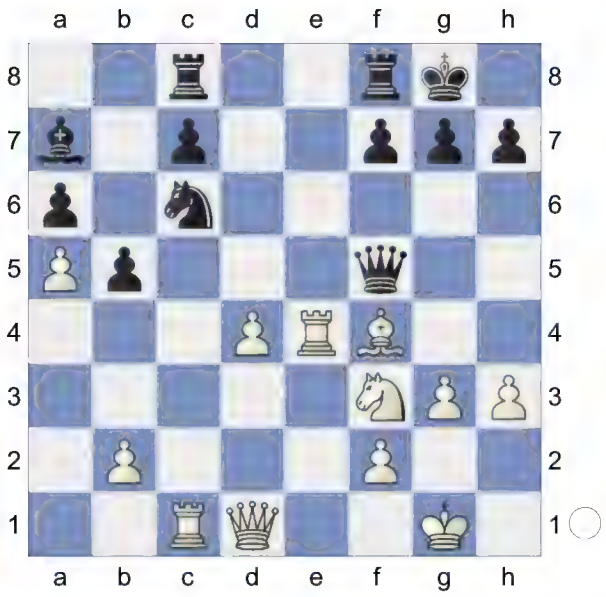
**16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Rc1 Rc8N**

[ 17...d5 1.06/23 17...Rc8 -0.01 18.Ne5! Qd6 2.18/23 Wards off Nc6 *( 18...Rc8± 0.90/23 )* 19.Bf4? 0.30/23 *( 19.f3!+- 2.18/23 )* 19...Rbd8? 5.32/24 *( 19...Rbe8!=* 0.30/23 and Black is okay. *)* 20.f3? 1.80/23 *( 20.Rxe4* 5.32/24 *dxe4 21.Bxf7+ Rxf7 22.Nxf7* Discovered Attack *Qxf4 23.Nxd8 Bxd4 24.Qb3+ Kh8 25.Rf1 )* 20...Qf6 2.65/23 *( 20...c5* 1.80/23 *)* 21.Be3 1.08/24 *( 21.Bh2+-* 2.65/23 is the precise move to win.*)* 21...Ng3± 22.Rxc7 Bb8 23.Rd7 0.14/21 *( 23.Rb7!±* 1.10/24 and Qd2 would now be decisive *Nf5 24.Qd2 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 )* 23...Nf5! ½-½ (83) Kantor,G (2578)-Vijayakumar,R (2317) Fagernes op 2025 (3) ]

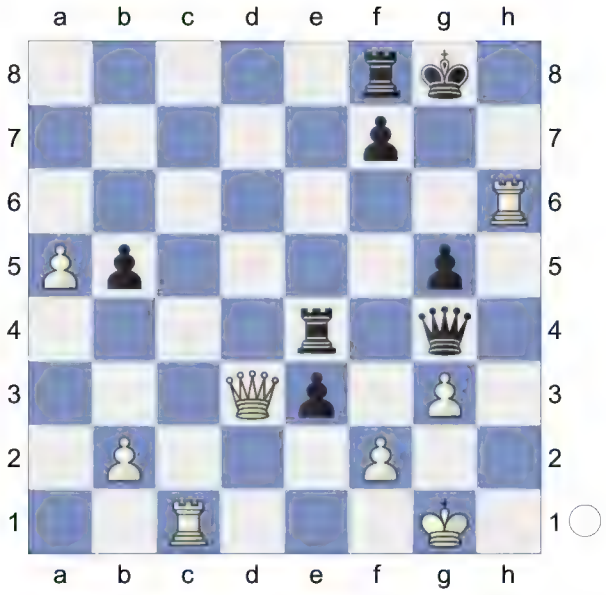
**18.Bc2** White has compensation. **18...d5 19.Bb1 Qd6 20.g3 Nc6 21.Bf4 Qf6 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Rxe4 Qf5** 1.23/24

[ 23...Nxa5± 0.31/21 24.Rxc7 *( 24.Bxc7 Nc4= )* 24...Rxc7 25.Bxc7 Nc4 ]

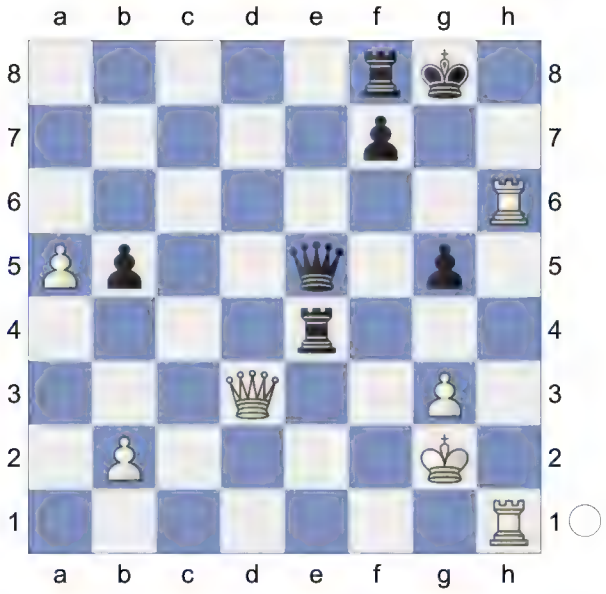
(Diagram)



**24.Ne5!± Nxe5** 1.80/22
[ 24...Qxe4 25.Nxc6 Bb8 26.d5 ]
[ 24...Nxa5± 0.84/23 keeps fighting. 25.Qe1 h5 ]
[ 24...Bxd4 25.Rxd4 ]
**25.Rxe5+- Qxh3** Black is weak on the dark squares **26.Re7** -0.01/23
[ 26.d5± 1.40/22 ]
**26...h6** 0.70/26
[ 26...Rce8!= -0.01/23 27.Re3 *( 27.Rcxc7 Bb8= )* 27...Rxe3 28.fxe3 Re8 ]
**27.d5** 0.21/23
[ 27.Rexc7 Rxc7 28.Bxc7 *( 28.Rxc7 Bb8∓ )* 28...Qf5= ]
[White should try 27.Bxc7± 0.70/26 Qf5 28.Rc6 ]
**27...g5!= 28.Be5** Active counter play!
[ 28.Bxc7 Rxc7 29.Rcxc7 Qxg3+ 30.Kh1 Bxf2 ]
**28...Rce8 29.d6** Chess con chili.
[ 29.Rexc7? Bxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Rxe5-+ ]
**29...cxd6 30.Rxa7 dxe5**
[ 30...Rxe5 31.Rxa6 g4 32.Qf1± *( 32.Rxd6? Rh5-+ )*]
**31.Rxa6 e4 32.Qf1⇄** White has counterplay **32...Qg4 33.Rxh6 e3** 0.59/25
[Black should play 33...Kg7= 0.01/22 34.Qh3 Qxh3 35.Rxh3 e3 ]
**34.Qd3!±** This costs Black the game.
**34...Re4?** 4.47/26
[ 34...Qe4!± 0.46/24 35.Qxe4 *( 35.Qxb5 exf2+ 36.Kh2 Re5-+* Skewer *)* 35...Rxe4 ]



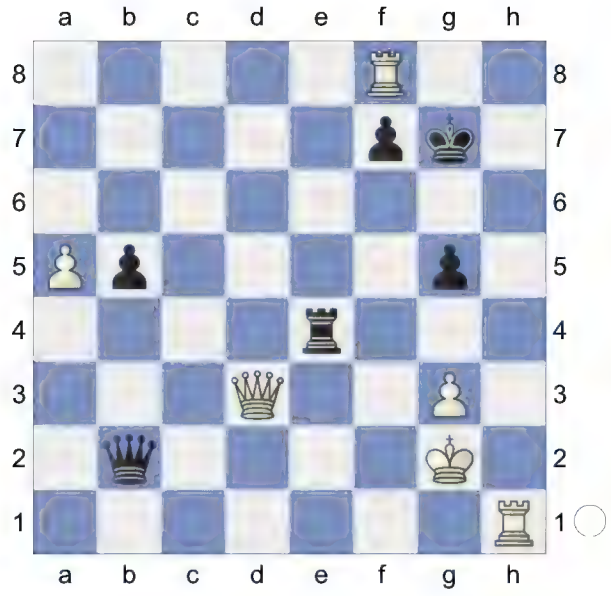
**35.Kg2!+- exf2 36.Rch1 f1Q+** 6.24/24
[ ⌓36...Qe2 4.19/28 37.Rh8+ Kg7 38.R8h7+ Kg8 39.Rh8+ ]
**37.Kxf1 Qf5+ 38.Kg2 Qe5**



Prevents Rh8+ **39.Rh8+! Kg7 40.Rxf8**

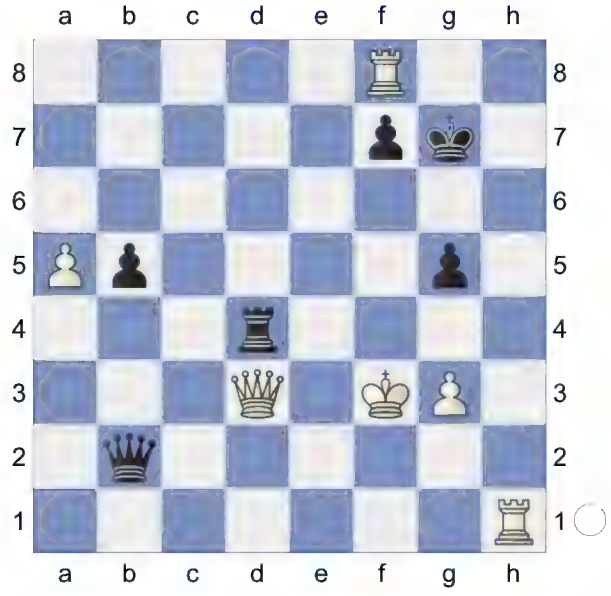
[Weaker is 40.R1h7+ Kf6 41.Rh6+ *( 41.Rxf8 Qxb2+ 42.Kf1 Qa1+ 43.Kg2 Qb2+ 44.Kf1 Qa1+ 45.Kg2 Qb2+=; 41.Qf3+ Kg6± )* 41...Kg7 42.Rxf8 Kxh6 43.Rxf7 g4+- ]

**40...Qxb2+**



**41.Kf3!** White wants to mate with Rg8+.

**41...Rd4**



**42.Rxf7+!!** **Kxf7** **43.Qf5+** **Ke7**

Strongly threatening ...Qc3+.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.70

**44.Qe5+**

**1-0**

**10** **C78**

□ **Nepomniachtchi,I** **2742**

■ **Shirov,A** **2620**

FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (6.13) 09.09.25

*[Kitty Kat]*

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[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.Be3N**

[ 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+

Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**11...Bg4! 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.h3 exd4 14.cxd4 Bh5 15.Ba2 Re8 16.Re1** -0.37/21

[ 16.Qb3= 0.03/20 ]

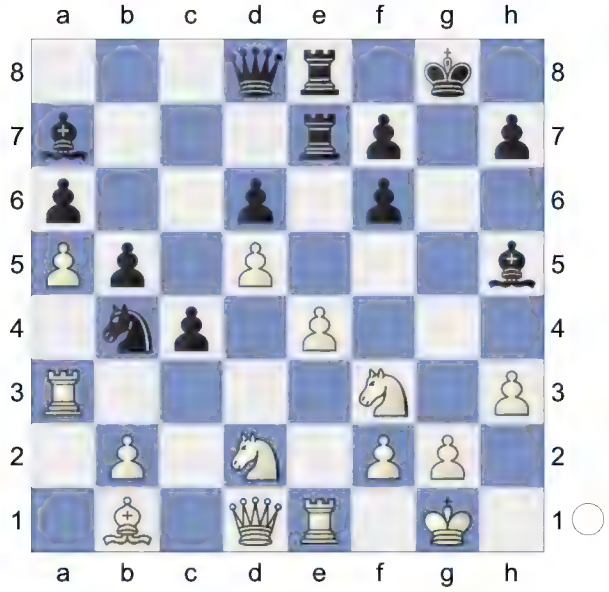
**16...Nb4∓ 17.Bb1 c5** Threatens to win with ...cxd4. **18.d5 Rb7 19.Ra3** -0.57/21

[White should try 19.g4= 0.17/22 Bg6 20.Bg5 ]

**19...Rbe7! 20.Bg5 c4?** 1.78/26

[ 20...Nfxd5= -0.24/22 and Black stays safe. 21.Bxe7 Nxe7 ]

**21.Bxf6+- gxf6**



**22.Nf1! Bc5** 2.14/22

[ 22...Nd3± 1.28/22 23.Bxd3 cxd3 ]

**23.Ng3 Bg6 24.Qd2 Nxd5** 2.92/23

[ 24...Nd3± 1.50/22 was necessary. 25.Rxd3 cxd3 ]

**25.Qxd5 Bxa3 26.bxa3 Qxa5 27.Re3**

[Weaker is 27.Qxd6 Re6 28.Qc5 Qb6± ]

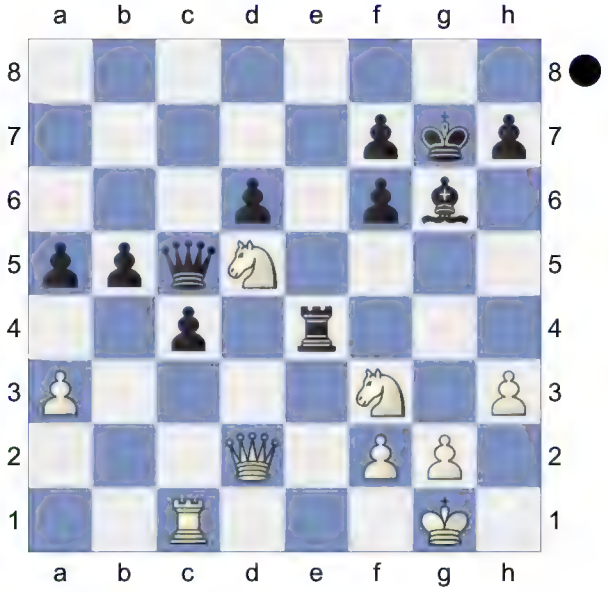
**27...Qb6 28.Nh5 Re6 29.Nf4 Qc5 30.Qd2?** 0.98/24

[ 30.Nxe6+- 2.99/20 and the rest is easy. fxe6 31.Qb7 ]

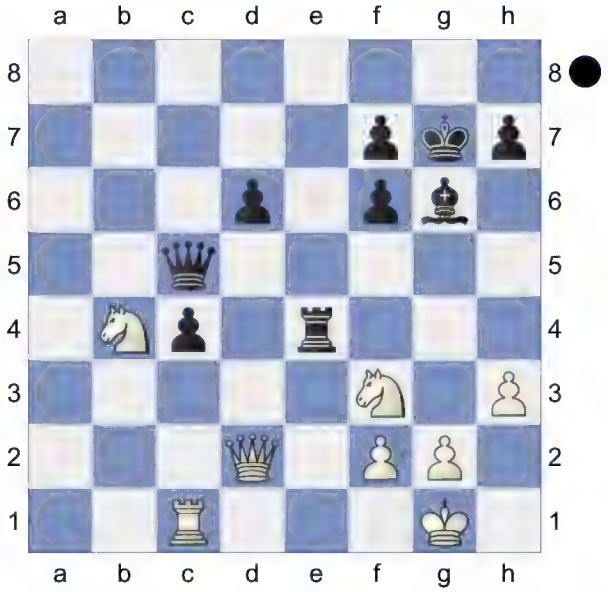
**30...Rxe4± 31.Bxe4 Rxe4 32.Nd5** -0.01/23 White is more active.

[ 32.Rc3± 1.00/23 ]

**32...Kg7!=** The position is equal. **33.Rc3 a5 34.Rc1**



Rd1 is the strong threat. **34...b4! 35.axb4 axb4 36.Nxb4**



A dynamic duo of knights. **36...c3! 37.Rxc3 Qxb4 38.Rd3 Qb1+ 39.Kh2**

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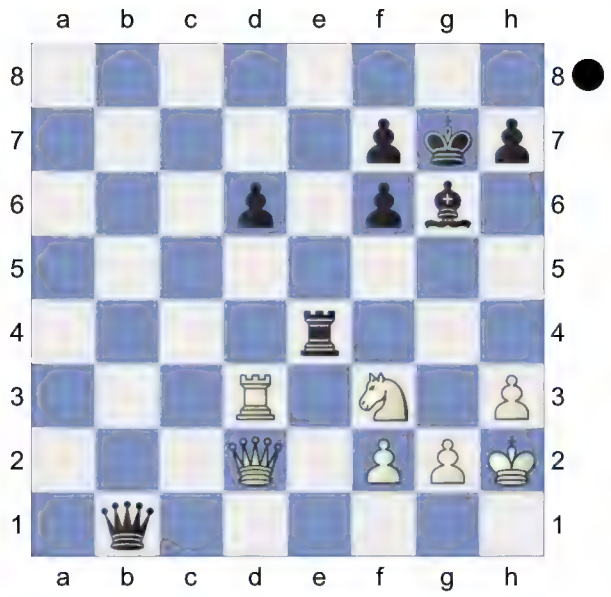

**Re2!** Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
**40.Qxe2**
**½-½**

**11** **C78**
□ **Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22**
■ **LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6**
TCEC 27 Theory Bonus (3.2) 22.01.2025
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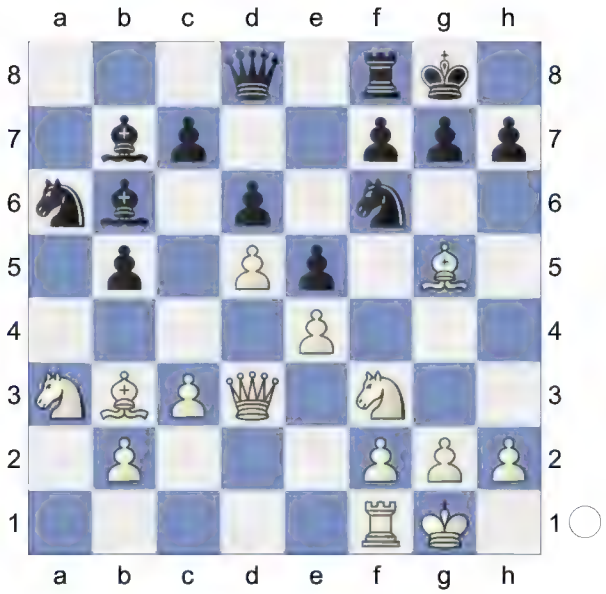
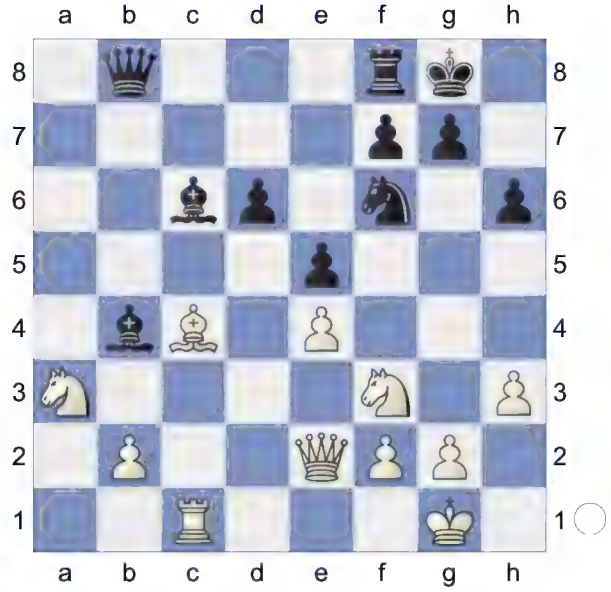
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8.axb5N**
[ 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.d4 Bxd4 10.Qxd4 d6 11.f4 c5 12.Qf2 Neg4 13.Qe2 c4 14.Ba2 Nxe4 15.Be3 Nxh2 16.Re1 Qh4 17.Nd2 Ng4 18.Nxe4 Bxe4 0-1 Breum,W-Zuckmann,V Germany M187 1969 ]
[ 8.d3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th 145686 1997 (3) ]
**8...axb5 9.Rxa8 Bxa8** White is slightly better. **10.c3 d6 11.d4 Bb6! 12.Qd3 0-0 13.d5 Nb8 14.Bg5**
[ 14.Qxb5 c6 *( 14...Nxe4 15.Qa4∓ )* 15.Qe2 cxd5= ]
**14...Bb7 15.Na3**
[ 15.Qxb5 Ba6 16.Qa4 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 Nbd7∓ ]
**15...Na6**



...Nc5 would now be deadly. **16.Qe2**
[ 16.Nxb5 Nc5 17.Bxf6 Qxf6= ]
**16...b4 17.cxb4** 0.01/21
[ 17.Nc4± 0.37/24 might be stronger. ]
**17...Nxb4= 18.Bd2 Bc5 19.Rc1 h6**

**20.h3 Qb8! 21.Bc4**
[ 21.Nxe5 is more complex. Ba6 22.Qf3 Re8 23.Nxf7 Nd3 ]
**21...c6** Prevents Bb5. **22.Bxb4** Remove Defender **22...Bxb4 23.dxc6 Bxc6**



**24.Bxf7+!** Discovered Attack **24...Rxf7 25.Rxc6 Bxa3** Remove Defender **26.bxa3 Qb1+ 27.Qe1! Rb7 28.Rxd6 Qxe1+ 29.Nxe1** Black must now prevent f3. **29...Rb1 30.Kf1**
[ 30.Rd8+ Kh7 31.Kf1 Nxe4 ]
**30...Nxe4 31.Rd5 Ra1 32.Rxe5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
**32...Nd6**
**½-½**

**12** **C78**
□ **LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6**
■ **Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22**
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*[Kitty Kat]*

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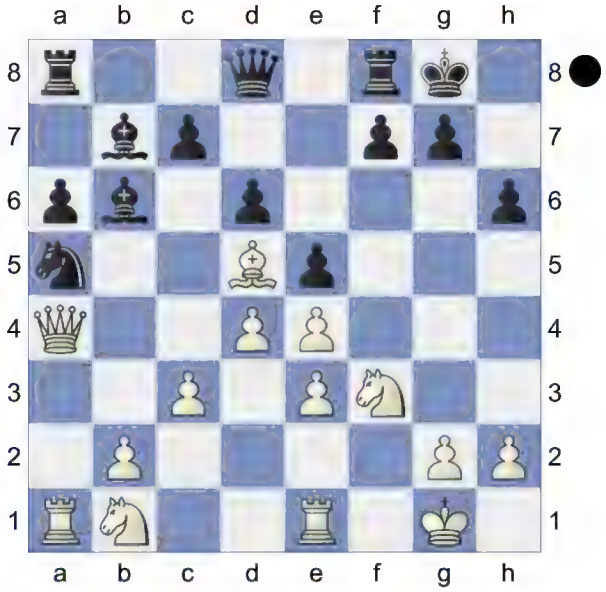
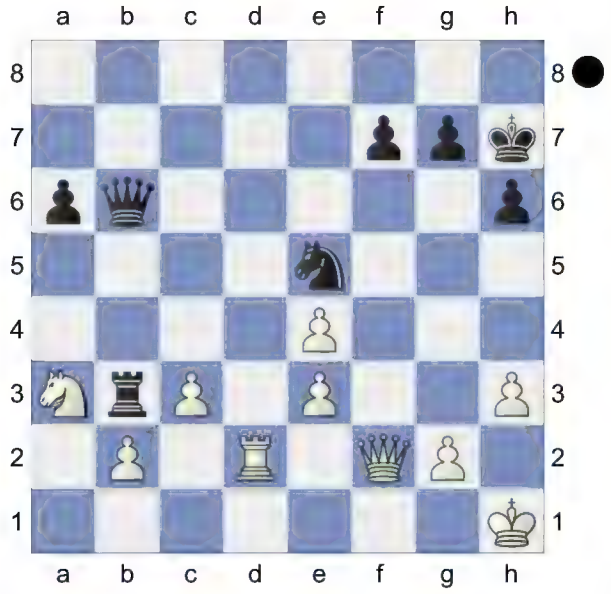
[ 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]
**10...h6 11.Be3 Ng4N**
[ 11...0-0 12.d5 Na7 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.axb5 Nxb5 15.Nbd2 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 ]
**12.Bd5 Nxe3 13.fxe3** White is slightly better. **13...0-0 14.Qe2 bxa4 15.Qc4 Na5 16.Qxa4**



**c6! 17.Ba2 c5 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Rd1 Qf6 20.Bd5 c4 21.Na3 Rfc8 22.Kh1 Rab8! 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.Rd5 Qg6! 25.Qc2 Bc7 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.Rxe5 Nc6 28.Rc5 Qd6 29.Rxc4**
[ 29.Nxc4? is the wrong capture. Qxc5 30.Nd2 Ne5-+ *( 30...Qxe3? 31.Nf1-+ )*]
**29...Qe6 30.Rc5** The position is equal. **30...Ne5 31.Rxc8+ Qxc8 32.h3 Qc5**

**33.Qe2 Qd6 34.Rc1 Rb3 35.Rc2 Qb6 36.Rd2 Kh7 37.Qf2**



Threatens to win with Qf5+. **37...Kg8 38.Qe2 Kh7 39.Kg1 a5 40.Kf1 a4 41.Kg1 f6 42.Kf2 Qb7 43.Kf1 Qb6 44.Ke1 Qb8 45.Rc2 Qd6 46.Kf1 Qb6 47.Kf2 Qc6** Wards off Nc4 **48.Rd2 Qb6 49.Ke1 Qb8 50.Rc2 Rb6 51.Kf2 Qc8 52.Rd2 Rb3**

[ 52...Qb7?! 53.Kg1± ]

**53.h4 Rb6**

[ 53...Qb7 54.Kg1± ]

**54.h5 Qb8 55.Kf1 Rb3**

[ 55...Qb7?! 56.Qf2± ]

**56.Kg1 Qb6 57.Kf2 Qc7**

[ 57...Qb7 58.Kg1± ]

**58.Kg1 Qb8**

[ 58...Qb7?! 59.Qf2 Qxe4 60.Rd4± ]

**59.Kf2 Qc7**

[ 59...Qb7 60.Kg1± ]

**60.Kg1 Qb6**

[But not 60...Qb7?! 61.Nc4 Qxe4 *( 61...Nxc4 62.Qxc4 Qb6 63.Qd3± )* 62.Nxe5 fxe5 63.Qf3 Qxf3 *( 63...Qb1+? 64.Rd1+- )* 64.gxf3± ]

**61.Kh1 Qb8 62.Qf2 Kg8** Threatens to win with ...Rxa3!. **63.Qe2 Kh7 64.Kg1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

**64...Qb6**

[ 64...Qb7 65.Qf2 Qxe4 66.Rd4± ]

**½-½**

**13** **C78**

□ **Topalov,V** **2717**

■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2749**

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*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Bb7 10.Re1**

[ 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]

**10...0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 b4N**

[ 12...exd4

**A)** 13.cxd4 g5 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Nxd4 16.Bd5 Ne6 17.Bh4 Bxd5 *( 17...c6 18.Qf3 Kg7 19.Ra3 Bd4 20.Qg3+ Kh7 21.e5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 dxe5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Be4+* 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8*)* 18.exd5 Ng7 19.Qf3 Re8 20.Nc3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Bd4 22.Re4 Bxf2+ 23.Qxf2 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Qc8 25.Nf6+ Kf8 26.g4 bxa4 27.Bg5 Qb7 (40) 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8;

**B)** 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.cxd4 Re8 16.Nc3 Na5 17.Bxf6

Qxf6 18.Bc2 b4 19.Na4 Ba7 20.Qd3 Nc6 21.e5 dxe5 22.dxe5 Qg6 23.Qxg6 fxg6 24.Bxg6 Re6 25.Be4 Nxe5 26.Nxe5 Rxe5 27.Bh7+ ½-½ (35) Zlebcik,L-Sykora, J CZE-ch1 corr8284 1982 ]

**13.h3 bxc3 14.bxc3 Re8** White is slightly better. **15.d5** -0.18/23

[ 15.Bc2± 0.67/19 ]

**15...Na5= 16.Ba2** -0.75/23

[ 16.Nbd2= 0.01/21 remains equal. ]

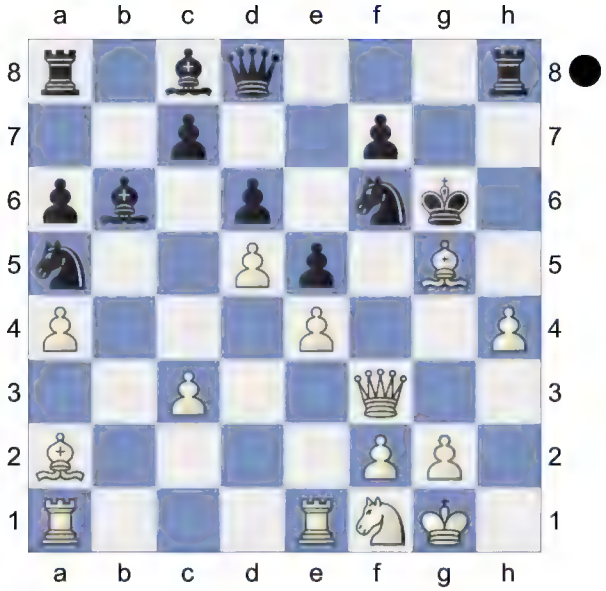
**16...g5∓ 17.Nxg5** -1.42/20 **hxg5 18.Bxg5 Kg7!**

[ 18...Bxf2+? 19.Kxf2 Kh8 *( 19...Nxe4+? 20.Rxe4 f6 21.Bh6+- )* 20.Kg1+- ]

**19.Qf3 Rh8 20.Nd2 Bc8 21.Nf1** -2.32/22

[ 21.Re3∓ -1.43/19 ]

**21...Kg6!-+ 22.h4**

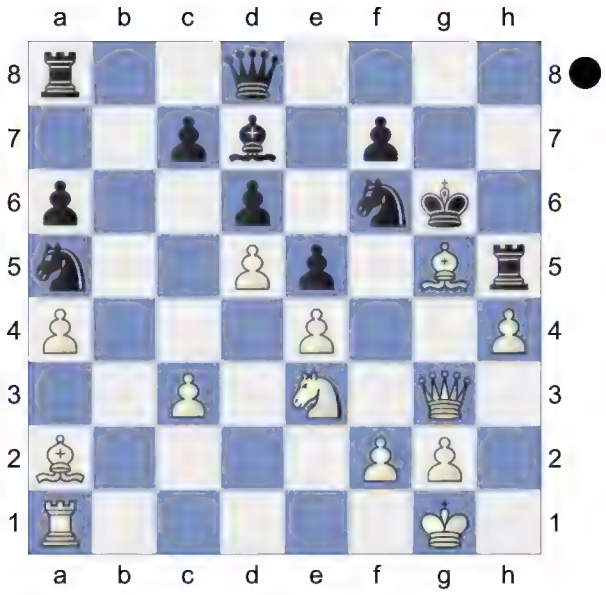


**Rh5! 23.Qg3 Bd7 24.Re3?** -3.87/22

[ 24.Rab1∓ -1.50/19 was forced. ]

**24...Bxe3 25.Nxe3**

(Diagram)



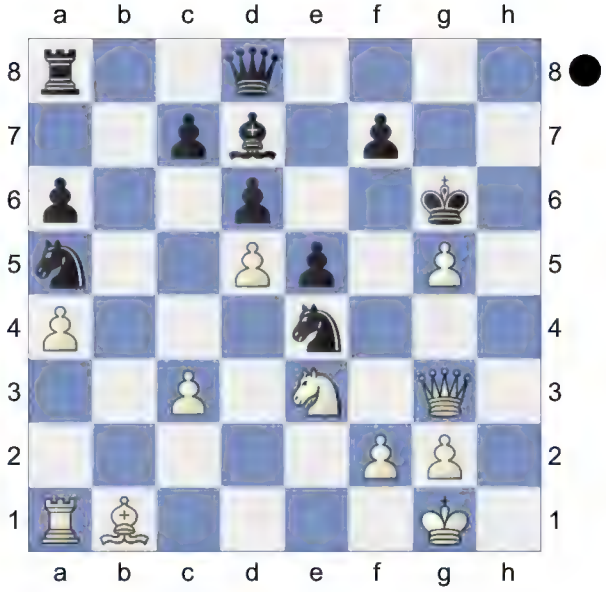
**Nxe4! 26.Bb1**

[ 26.Bxd8+ Nxg3 ]

**26...Rxg5** -2.02/25

[ ⌓26...f5 -4.38/26 27.Bxd8+ *( 27.Bxe4? Rxg5 28.Bxf5+ Bxf5-+ )* 27...Nxg3 28.Bxc7 Ne2+ 29.Kf1 Nb3 *( 29...Nxc3? 30.Bxa5 Rc8 31.g4-+ )* 30.Kxe2 Nxa1 31.Bxd6 e4 *( 31...Bxa4? 32.g4-+ )*]

**27.hxg5**

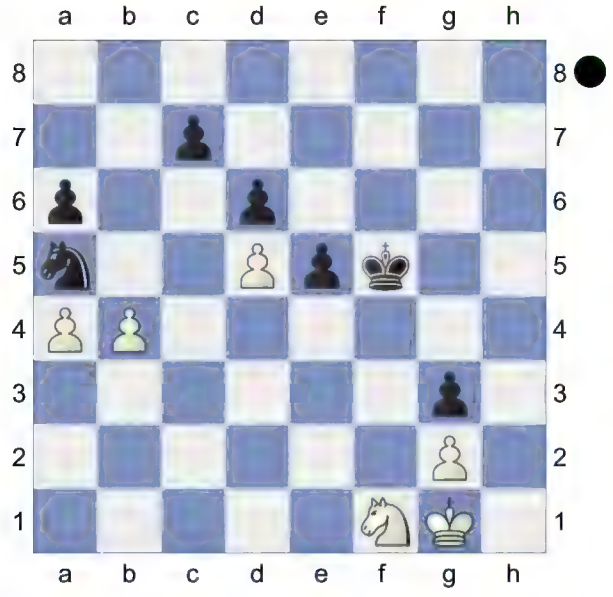


**Qxg5! 28.Bxe4+**

[ 28.Qxg5+ Kxg5 29.Bxe4 Nb3= ]

**28...f5 29.Bc2 Qxg3** -0.28/19

[ 29...Nb7-+ -2.05/21 30.Kf1 Qxg3 31.fxg3 Kg5 ]
**30.fxg3= Kg5 31.Rb1** Repels Nb7
**31...f4** -0.09/25
[ 31...e4∓ -0.53/24 ]
**32.Nf1 Bf5 33.Bxf5 Kxf5** Endgame KRN-KRN **34.Nd2** -1.23/25 Prevents Nc4
[ 34.Rb4= -0.01/25 ]
**34...Re8** -0.54/23
[ 34...fxg3∓ -1.23/25 Strongly threatening ...Kf4. 35.Rf1+ Kg4 ]
**35.Rb4 fxg3 36.Ne4?** -2.58/26
[ 36.Kf1∓ -0.76/24 is a better defense. ]
**36...Rg8-+ 37.Nd2 Rg4 38.Nf1?** -5.30/27
[ 38.Kf1∓ -1.58/27 nothing else works. ]
**38...Rxb4**
[ 38...Nc4 39.Rxc4 Rxc4 40.Ne3+ *( 40.Nxg3+? too greedy. Kg6-+ )* 40...Ke4 41.Nxc4+- ]
**39.cxb4**



**Kf4! 40.bxa5** Strongly threatening Nd2.
[ 40.Nd2 e4 ]
**40...e4 41.Nd2 e3 42.Nf3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/Black=0.22 (precise)
**42...e2**
**0-1**

**14** **C78**
□ **MayhemPl_cluster** **3119**
■ **RaspFish** **3077**
Rapid 17.01.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 10min+1sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3!** Prevents Bg4. **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...exd4N**
[ 12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1*

*32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

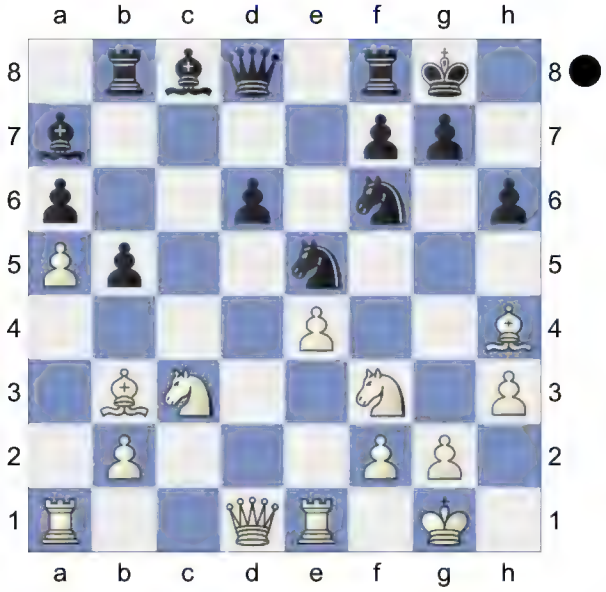
**13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Bd2** 0.22/22

[ 14.Nc3± 0.63/22 ]

**14...Nc6= 15.d5 Ne7 16.Re1 c6 17.dxc6 Nxc6 18.Bg5** Nc3 is in the air **18...h6! 19.Bh4 Ne5** 0.60/23

[ 19...g5= 0.09/20 20.Bg3 Nxa5 ]

**20.Nc3±**



**Be6 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 Rc8 23.Re2 Ng6 24.Bg3 Re8 25.Bb7** This pair of bishops is nice. **25...Rb8 26.Bd5** 0.01/19

[ 26.Bxa6 Nxe4 27.Kh1 Qe7-+ ]

[ 26.Bc6± 0.37/25 Re6 27.Bd5 Nxd5 28.Qxd5 ]

**26...Rc8= 27.Ba2! Qd7**

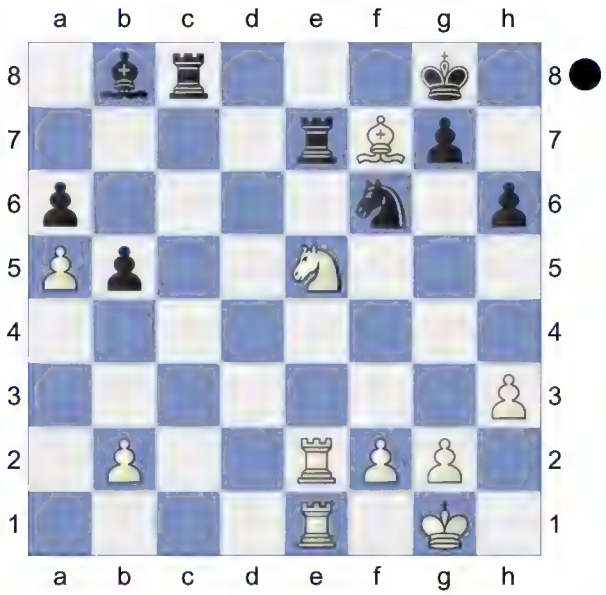
[ 27...Nxe4? loses. 28.Bxf7+ Kxf7 29.Qd5+ Kf6 30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.Qxe4+- ]

**28.e5**

[ 28.Qxd6 Qxd6 29.Bxd6 Nxe4-+ ]

[ 28.Bxd6 Nxe4 29.Bh2 Qf5∓ ]

**28...Nxe5 29.Bxe5 dxe5 30.Nxe5 Qxd1+ 31.Rxd1 Re7 32.Rde1** aiming for Bxf7+. **32...Bb8** The position is equal. **33.Bxf7+**



Decoy **33...Rxf7 34.Nxf7 Kxf7 35.Re7+ Kg6 36.R7e6** Against Bd6 **36...Rc2 37.b3 Ba7 38.R1e2**

[ 38.Rf1 Kf7 39.Rxa6 Bc5 ]

**38...Rc3 39.Rxa6 Bd4 40.Rd2 Be5** ( -> ...Rc1+) **41.g4 Rxb3 42.Re6 Bc3 43.Ra2 b4** ...Rb1+ would now be deadly.

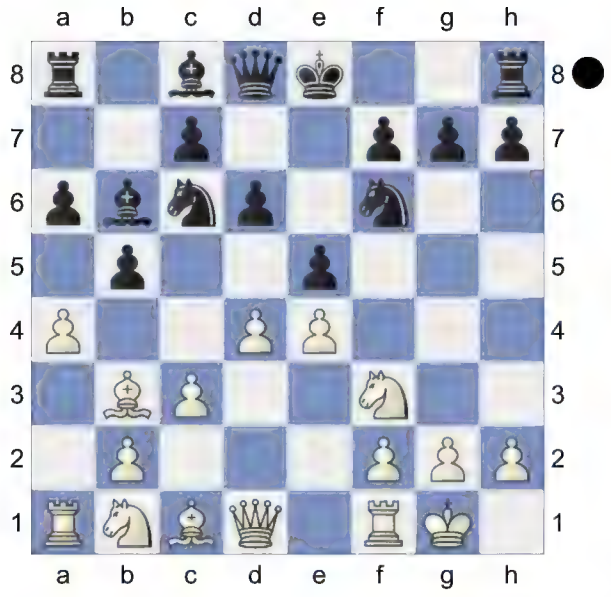
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

**44.a6**

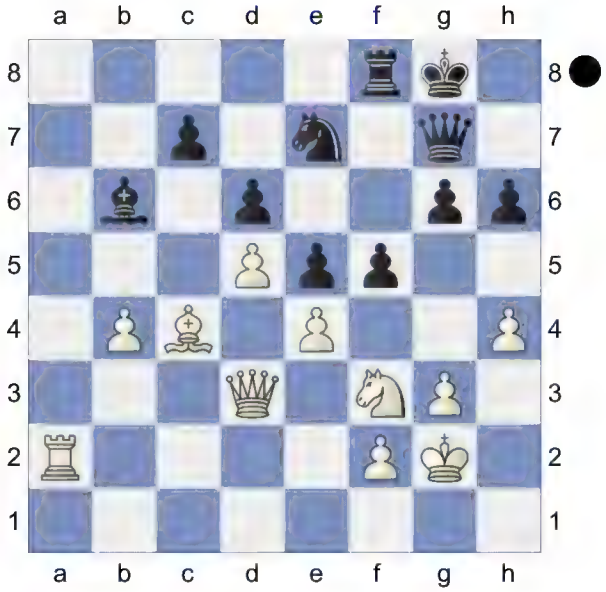
**½-½**

**15** **C78**
□ **Weiawaga** **2810**
■ **DarkOnBot** **2793**
Rapid 27.02.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 10min+3sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Nf6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4**
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]



Strongly threatening axb5. **9...Bb7**
**10.Bg5 h6 11.axb5N**
[ 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 25.Nb4 Ra4 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]
**11...axb5** The position is equal. **12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.d5 Na7 15.Qd3 0-0 16.Na3 Bb7 17.c4 bxc4 18.Nxc4 Ba6 19.Ra1 Bxc4 20.Bxc4 Nc8 21.g3 Ne7 22.Kg2 g6 23.b4 Qh8 24.Ra6 f5 25.h4 Qg7 26.Ra2** -1.02/20
[ 26.Ra1∓ -0.39/20 ]

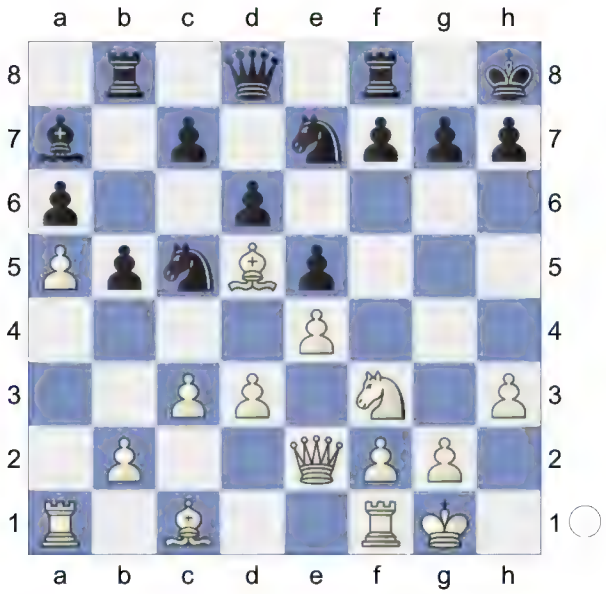


**26...Kh8!∓ 27.Qe2 Qh7** -0.72/16
[Black should try 27...Ng8 -1.17/19 ]
**28.Rc2 Ng8 29.Bd3** -1.13/18
[White should play 29.exf5∓ -0.62/18 gxf5 30.h5 ]
**29...f4** White does not recover from this.
**30.Rc6?** -3.13/16
[ 30.Bb5∓ -1.09/17 ]
**30...Nf6-+ 31.Nh2?** -4.43/18
[Of course not 31.gxf4 Nh5 32.Kh1 Rxf4 *( 32...exf4? too greedy. 33.e5+-; 32...Nxf4? 33.Qf1-+ )*]
[ 31.Bb5 -2.51/15 ]
**31...g5 32.h5 Qg7**
[Not 32...g4 33.Nxg4 Qg7 34.Nxf6∓ ]
**33.Ng4 Nxh5 34.Qe1 Qf7** Threatens

to win with ...fxg3. **35.Nxh6 f3+ 36.Kg1 Qh7 37.Rxb6 Qxh6 38.Rb8 Rxb8 39.Qc1 Nf6 40.Qe3 Qh5 41.Be2 Ra8 42.Qxf3 Ra1+ 43.Bf1 Qxf3** Black mates. **44.b5 Ng4 45.b6 Qxf2+ 46.Kh1**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.07/ Black=0.02 (flawless)
**46...Qxf1#**
**0-1**

**16** **C78**
□ **ArasanX** **3095**
■ **MaxtheDog** **2627**
Rapid 26.02.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Rapid 15min+5sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4**
[ 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**8...Bg4**
[ 8...Bb7 9.d4 Bb6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]
**9.h3 Bxf3N**
[ 9...Bh5 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8 Qxa8 12.d3 0-0 13.Bg5 Nd7 14.Bd5 h6 15.Bh4 Qa6 16.b4 Ba7 17.Nbd2 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 ]
**10.Qxf3 0-0 11.a5 Rb8** White has an edge. **12.d3 Nd7 13.Nd2 Kh8** White leaves nothing to chance now.
**14.Qe2**
[ 14.Bxf7? Qe7 15.Qd1 Qxf7-+ ]
**14...Ba7 15.Nf3 Nc5** 1.36/21
[Black should try 15...Qe8 0.76/18 ]
**16.Bd5± Ne7**




**17.Be3! c6 18.Ba2 Rb7** 2.88/19
[ 18...Qd7± 1.53/20 19.Ng5 Ng8 ]

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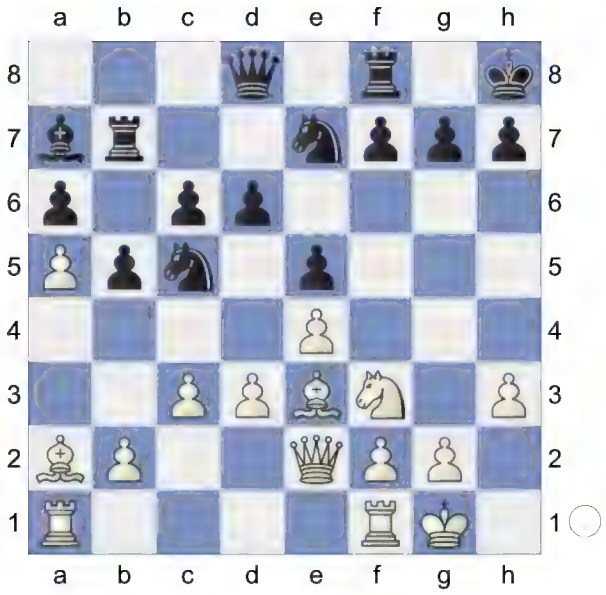
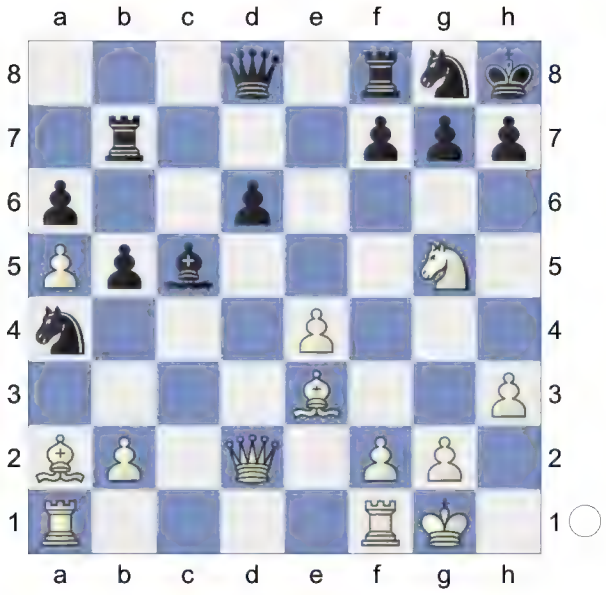


**19.Ng5!+- Ng8 20.d4 Na4 21.Qd2 exd4?** 3.99/21
[ 21...d5 2.11/19 was necessary. 22.exd5 *( 22.dxe5 h6± )* 22...cxd5 23.dxe5 Bxe3 24.Qxe3 h6 ]
**22.cxd4 c5 23.dxc5 Bxc5**



**24.e5** Prevents Qf6. **24...Bxe3**
[ 24...Nh6 25.Rad1 ]
**25.Qxe3 dxe5**

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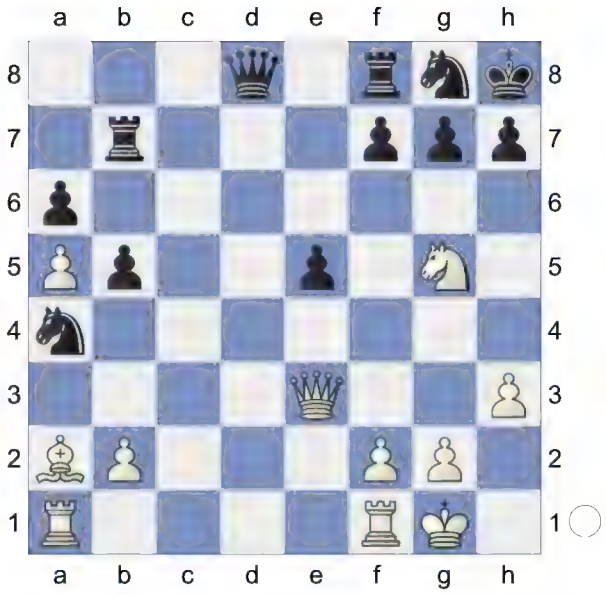
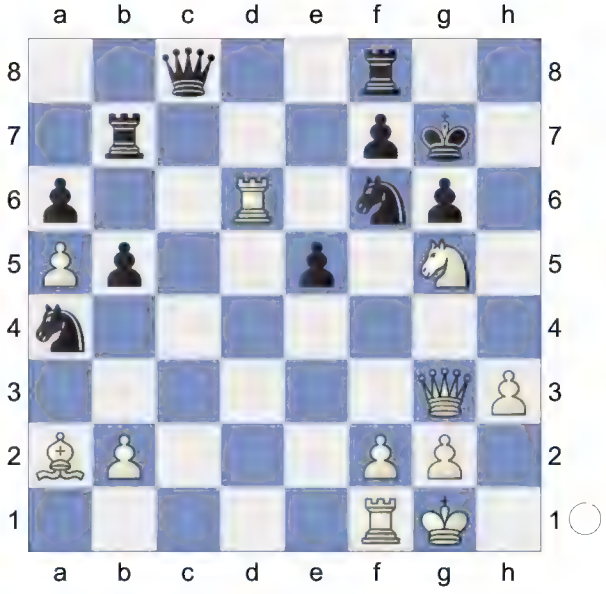


**26.Nxh7!** Decoy **26...Re8**
[ 26...Kxh7 27.Qe4+ ]
**27.Ng5 Rf8 28.Rad1 Qc8 29.Qf3**
[Worse is 29.Qxe5 f6 30.Qg3 *( 30.Nf7+ Rbxf7 31.Qh5+ Nh6= )* 30...fxg5 31.Qxg5 Rf6± ]
**29...g6 30.Rd6** Strongly threatening Qe4.
[ 30.Nxf7+ Rbxf7 31.Bxf7 Qc7+- ]
**30...Kg7 31.Qg3 Nf6**



**32.Rxf6! Kxf6 33.Qh4**
[Not 33.Nh7+ Kg7 34.Nxf8 Qxf8± ]
**33...Kg7** Against Ne6+ **34.Qh7+ Kf6**

**35.Ne4+ Ke7 36.Qh4+ f6 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qh6 Re8 39.Nxf6 Nxb2 40.Nxe8 Qc6** Prevents Nd6. **41.Qg5+ Kxe8 42.Qxe5+ Re7 43.Qxb2 Qd6** Against Rd1 **44.Qh8+ Kd7 45.Rc1 Re8 46.Qg7+ Re7 47.Qc3 Re2 48.Qc8+ Ke7 49.Rc7+ Qxc7 50.Qxc7+ Ke8 51.Bf7+ Kf8 52.Bxg6 Re1+ 53.Kh2 Re7 54.Qd8+ Kg7 55.Qxe7+** White mates. **55...Kxg6 56.h4 b4 57.h5+ Kxh5 58.Qf6 b3 59.f3 b2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=1.23
**60.g4#**
**1-0**

**17** **C78**
□ **Motor-0** **2802**
■ **Endogenetic-Bot** **2767**
Classical 26.02.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Rapid 30min+1sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Nf6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6**

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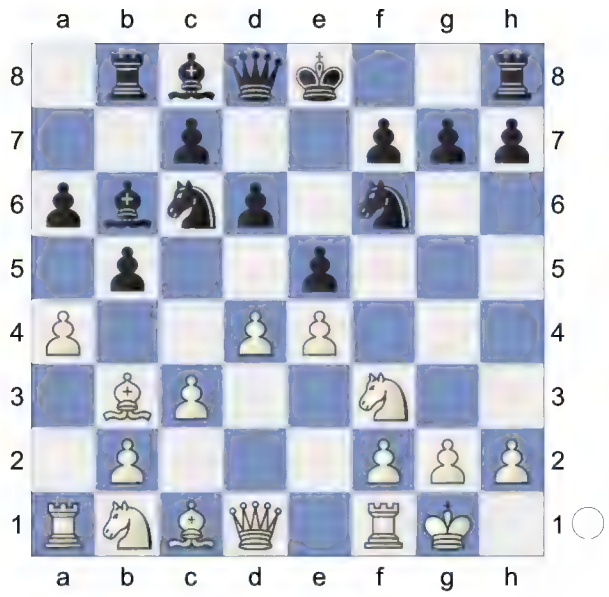


**10.a5! Ba7**
[ 10...Nxa5 11.Rxa5 Bxa5 12.dxe5= ]
**11.h3! Bb7 12.Be3** White is slightly better. **12...Nxe4 13.d5N**
[ 13.Nbd2 exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**13...Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2 15.Qe2 Nxh3+ 16.Kh1! Nf2+! 17.Rxf2 Bxf2**

**18.cxb7 Ba7 19.Bd5** White has compensation. **19...Qd7! 20.Nd4** Inhibits c6. **20...Qe7! 21.Bc6+ Kf8! 22.Nf3** Wards off Qh4+. Hoping for c4. **22...d5 23.Qxe5**

[ 23.Bxd5 c6 24.Be4 *( 24.Bxc6 Qe6∓ )* 24...Rxb7∓ ]

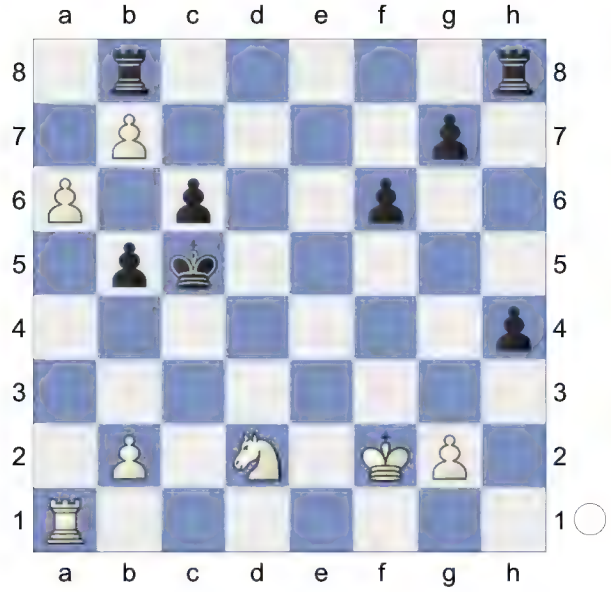
**23...Qxe5 24.Nxe5 Ke7 25.Nd3**

[ 25.Bxd5 Kd6 26.Nxf7+ Kxd5 27.Nxh8 Rxh8± ]

**25...Kd6 26.Nb4 Bc5** aiming for ... Bxb4. **27.Nxa6 Kxc6 28.Nxc5 Kxc5±** Endgame KRR-KRN **29.a6 d4 30.cxd4+ Kxd4 31.Nc3** 0.07/24

[ 31.Kg1± 0.45/19 ]

**31...c6= 32.Kg1 h5 33.Kf2 h4 34.Nb1 Kc5 35.Nd2 f6**



**36.b4+! Kb6**

[ 36...Kxb4?! 37.Ne4± ]

**37.a7** Dancing on a razor blade.

**37...Rxb7 38.a8N+**

[ 38.a8Q Rxa8 39.Rxa8 Re7 40.Rb8+ Kc7+- ]

**38...Rxa8 39.Rxa8** KRN-KR **39...c5 40.Rh8 g5 41.Rf8**

[ 41.bxc5+ Kxc5 42.Ne4+ Kc6± ]

**41...cxb4 42.Rxf6+ Ka7**

[Don't blunder 42...Ka5? 43.Nb3+ Ka4 44.Nc5+ Ka3 45.Ra6+ *( 45.Nxb7 b3+- )* 45...Kb2 46.Nxb7+- ]

**43.Rg6 Rh7 44.Rxg5 Kb6 45.Kg1** Nb3 is in the air

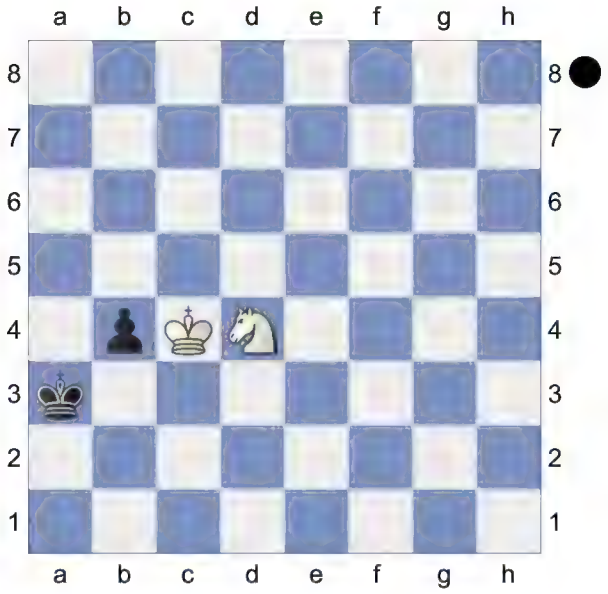
[ 45.Rg6+ simplifies Ka7 46.Rg4 h3 47.gxh3 Rxh3 48.Rxb4 Kb6 49.Rb1 ]

**45...h3 46.g4 Re7 47.Rd5 Re2 48.Rd3 Rg2+ 49.Kf1 Rxg4 50.Rxh3 b3 51.Nxb3 b4 52.Ke2 Rg1 53.Kd3 Rb1 54.Kc4 Rd1 55.Rd3**

[Much less strong is 55.Kxb4 Kc6± ]

**55...Rxd3** The position is equal.

**56.Kxd3 Kb5 57.Kd4 Ka4 58.Kc4 Ka3 59.Nd4**



**b3!**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

**60.Nxb3**

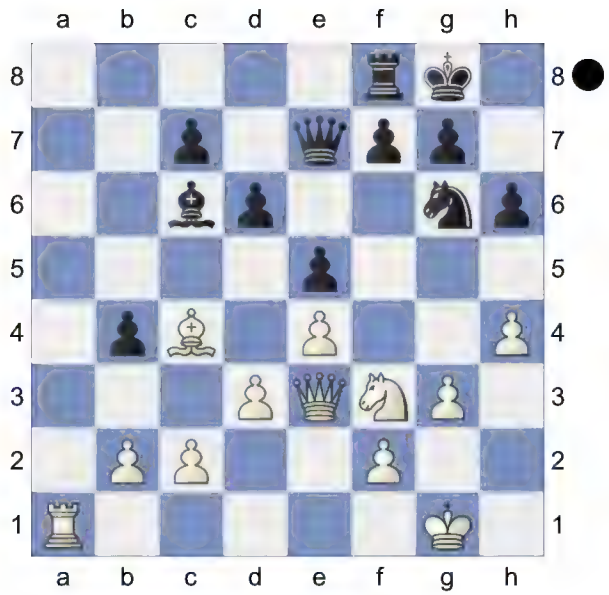
[ 60.Ne2 Kb2 ]

**½-½**

**18** **C78**
□ **ElNanonoeshumano33** **3028**
■ **motorrijder** **3024**
Rapid 29.11.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

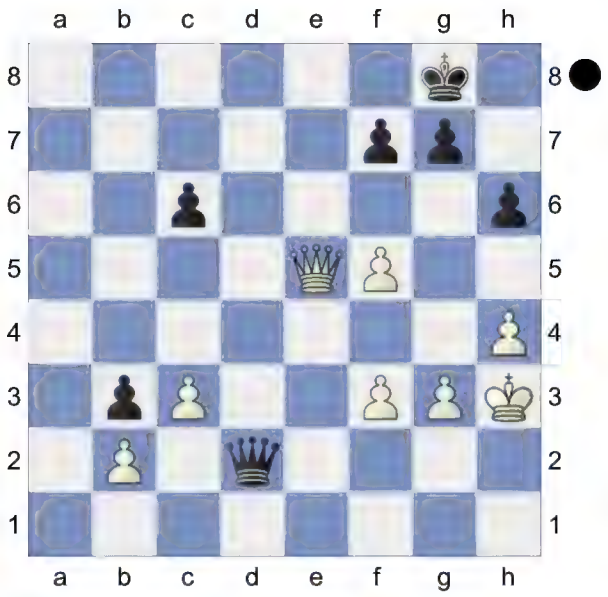
Blitz 6min+3sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8.d3 0-0 9.Bg5N**
[ 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th 145686 1997 (3) ]
**9...h6 10.Bh4 Be7 11.axb5 axb5** White is slightly better. **12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Na3 Na5 14.Ba2 b4 15.Nc4 Nxc4 16.Bxc4 d6 17.Qe2 Nh5 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Ra1 Nf4 20.Qe3 Ng6 21.g3 Bc6 22.h4**

(Diagram)




**Rb8 23.Nh2 Qd7 24.Qe1 Ne7 25.Nf1 d5 26.Bb3**
[ 26.exd5 Nxd5 27.Qxe5 Nb6∓ ]
**26...dxe4 27.dxe4 Nc8 28.Rd1 Nd6** The position is equal. **29.f3 Ba4 30.Qe3 Bxb3 31.Qxb3 Qe7 32.Ne3 Nb5 33.Kg2 Nd4** Dodges Nf5 **34.Qc4**
[ 34.Qd3 simplifies Qc5 35.Rd2 Ne6 36.Qb3 ]
**34...c6** Prevents Nd5. **35.Nf5 Nxf5 36.exf5=** Endgame KQR-KQR **36...Qf6 37.Qe4 b3 38.c3 Rd8 39.Rxd8+ Qxd8 40.Qxe5** KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **40...Qd2+ 41.Kh3**

(Diagram)



And now Qe8+ would win. **41...Qxb2 42.Qe8+ Kh7 43.Qxf7** f6 would kill now. **43...Qxc3 44.Qg6+ Kh8 45.Qe8+ Kh7 46.Qg6+ Kh8 47.Qe8+ Kh7** and ...Qf6! would now be decisive
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
**48.Qg6+**
**½-½**

**19** **C78**
□ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2695**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2731**
Masters Wijk aan Zee, NL (8.2) 26.01.25
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.h3 0-0 10.Re1 Rb8** 0.23/21
[ ⩲10...Bb7 -0.08/20 ]
[ 10...Re8 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Bb7 13.Qd3 Na5 14.Bc2 g5 15.Nxg5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Kg7 17.Nd2 Qc8 18.Qg3 Nh7 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.Be7+ Kh6 21.Nf3 Qe6 22.Nh4 Rg8 23.Qf3 Kg7 24.Nf5+ Kh8 25.Rad1 Praggnanandhaa,R (2757)-Mishra,A (2604) Biel 2024 CBM 221 [Mishra, Abhimanyu] 0-1 (55) ]
[ 10...h6 11.Be3 Re8 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4 Na5 14.Bc2 Bb7 15.b4 Nc4 16.Nxc4 bxc4 17.d5 c6 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Bxb6 Qxb6 20.Qxd6 Qb7 21.e5 Rad8 22.Qc5 Nd7 23.Qxc4 Bxf3 24.e6 fxe6 25.gxf3 Sahidi,S (2481)-Barp,A (2449) Vrnjacka Banja 2024 1-0 (32) ]
**11.Be3= Re8**
[ Don't do 11...Nxe4 12.Bd5 exd4 13.cxd4± ]
**12.Nbd2 h6 13.dxe5N** -0.04/21
[ 13.d5⩲ 0.41/20 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 ]
[ 13.a3 Na5 14.Ba2 exd4 15.Bxd4 Nc6 16.Bxb6 Rxb6 17.c4 b4 18.c5 dxc5 19.e5 Nh5 20.Rc1 Nf4 21.Rxc5 Be6 Chapter 5 - 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 ]
[ 13.a4 Na5 14.Bc2 c5 15.Qe2 cxd4 16.cxd4 Nc6 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Red1 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Qb6 21.Qxb6 Rxb6 22.Nb3 Nb4 23.Bb1 Na6 24.Ne1 Be6 25.Nd2 Rd6 26.Bd3 Nc5 27.Be2 Red8 Omonova,U (2147) -Abdumalik,Z (2473) Hangzhou 2023 ½-½ (33) ]
**13...Nxe5 14.Bc2** Against Nd3
**14...Bxe3 15.Rxe3 c5 16.Re1 Bb7 17.a4 Ng6 18.axb5 axb5 19.b4 Qb6** 0.00/21
[ 19...Nf4∓ -0.32/20 ]
**20.bxc5 Qxc5 21.Rb1 d5 22.e5 Ne4 23.Bxe4** The position is equal.
[ 23.Nxe4 looks sharper. dxe4 24.Qd4 Qxd4 25.Nxd4 Rxe5 26.Rxb5 Rxb5 27.Nxb5 Ba6 28.Nd6 ]
**23...dxe4 24.Nxe4**
[ 24.Nd4 keeps more tension. Qxc3

25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Nxe5 28.Rxb5 Rd8 29.Rxe5 Rxd4 30.Qe1 ]

**24...Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Nxe5**

[ 25...Qxc3 seems wilder. 26.Rb3 Qc5 27.Qe1 Rbd8 ]

**26.Nxe5 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Qxe5** KQR-KQR **28.Qd3 Rc8 29.Qxb5 Qxb5 30.Rxb5 Rxc3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

**½-½**

**20** **C78**

□ **ArasanX** **3021**

■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2802**

Rapid 12.08.2024

*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 10min+5sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6 10.Na3 exd4 11.axb5 axb5 12.cxd4**

[ 12.Nxb5 dxc3 13.Bd5 Ne7∓ ]

**12...Bg4** Strongly threatening ...Nxd4!. White is slightly better. **13.Nxb5 0-0 14.Ba4N**

[ 14.Be3 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Qe8 16.Ba4 Bd7 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne7 19.c4 Bxa4 20.Rxa4 Nf5 21.Ra3 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Qc6 23.Ng5 g6 24.Qd3 Qd7 Chirila,I (2485)-Anton,T (2350) Budva 106/(95) 2009 ]

**14...Bxf3 15.gxf3 d5** Black is on the road to losing. **16.e5 Nh5 17.Kh1 Ne7 18.Rg1 Ng6** 1.09/21

[ 18...g6± 0.60/19 was preferable. ]

(Diagram)

Repels f4 **19.Bc2!± Kh8 20.f4** White is more active. **20...Nhxf4 21.Ra3** Prevents Nh3. **21...Qd7** 2.87/23

[ 21...Qh4± 1.44/22 ]

**22.Rag3+- Ne6** 4.38/20

[ 22...Qxb5 23.Bxf4 c5 *( 23...Nxf4 24.Rxg7 Ng6 25.Rxh7+* Decoy *Kxh7 26.Qh5+* Deflection *Kg8 27.Rxg6+ fxg6 28.Qxg6+ Kh8 29.Qh7# )* 24.Rh3+- ]

[ 22...f5 2.68/19 ]

**23.Qh5! Rfe8**

[ 23...Qxb5 24.Rh3 h6 25.Bxh6 Kg8 26.Bxg7 ]

**24.f4! Nef8**

[ 24...Qxb5 25.f5 h6 26.Bxh6 *( 26.fxg6 Re7+-; 26.fxe6 Rxe6 27.Bxh6 Bc5+- )*]

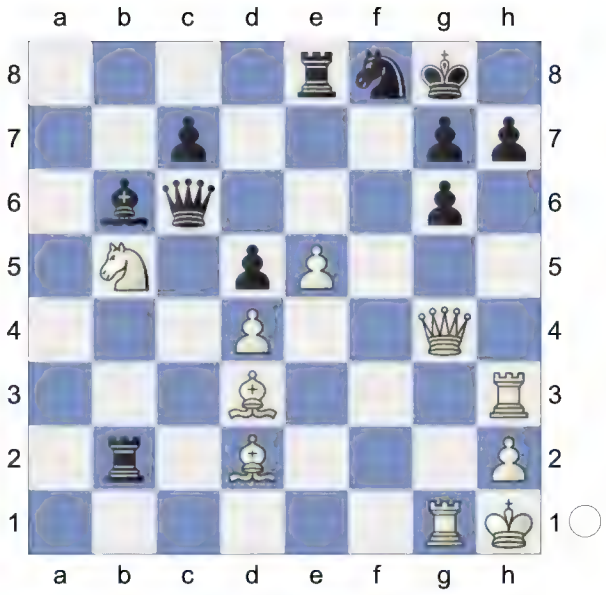
[ 24...Qc6 25.Rh3 ]

**25.Bd3 Kg8 26.Rh3 Qc6 27.Qg4**

[ 27.f5 Nxe5 28.f6 g6± *( 28...Qxf6? too greedy. 29.Bxh7+ Nxh7 30.Qxh7+ Kf8 31.Bg5+- )*]

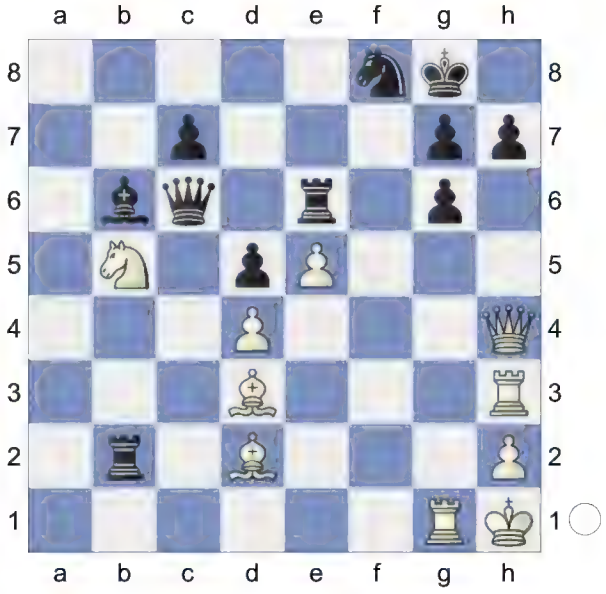
**27...Ra8 28.Bd2 Ra2 29.f5 Rxb2 30.fxg6 fxg6**

(Diagram)



**31.Qh4! Re6**

[ 31...Rb3 32.Nc3 ]



Dodges Nd6 **32.Rf1!** and Rhf3! should not be overlooked **32...Qe8 33.Rhf3 Nd7 34.Bc3 Rb3 35.Qg4 c5 36.Nd6 Rxd6 37.exd6 Nf6 38.Rxf6 gxf6 39.Re1 Qf7 40.Qc8+ Kg7 41.Re7** Qe8 would kill now. Pin **41...Ra3 42.Qd7 Qxe7 43.dxe7 Ra7 44.e8Q+**

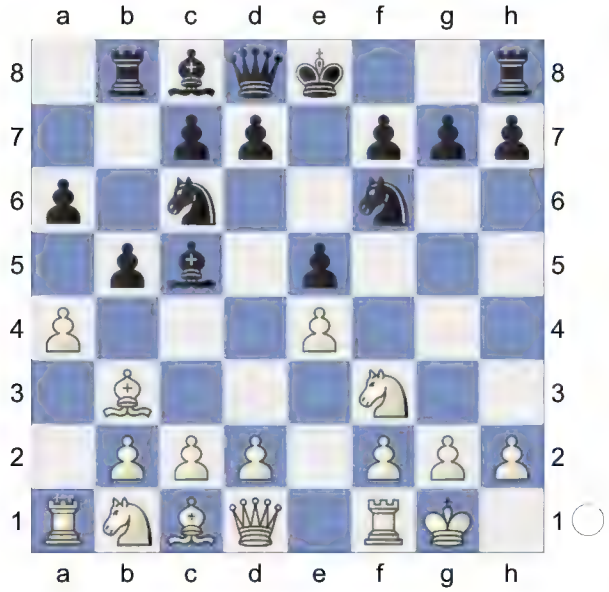
[Weaker is 44.e8R+ Rxd7 45.dxc5 Bxc5± ]

**44...Rxd7 45.Qxd7+ Kf8 46.dxc5**

**Bxc5 47.Qd8+** White mates. **47...Kf7 48.Qxf6+ Kg8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=1.08
**49.Qg7#**
**1-0**

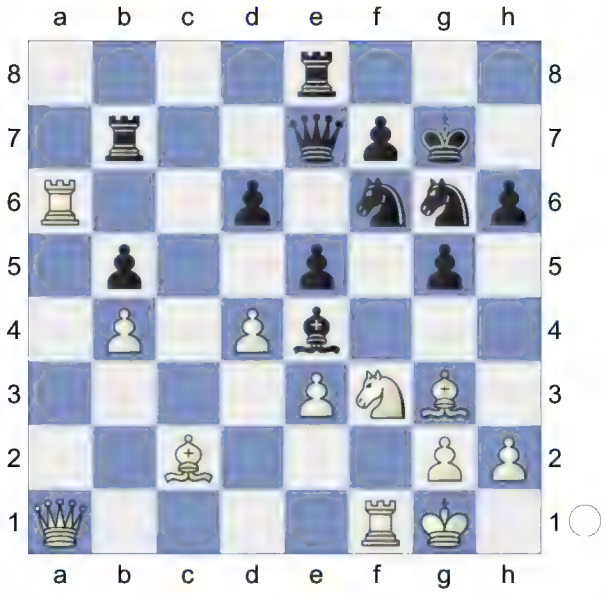
**21** **C78**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2777**
■ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2639**
87th Tata Steel Masters (9.3) 28.01.2025
*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** is the new trend. ist der neue Trend. **7.a4** Black must now prevent axb5. **7...Rb8**
[ 7...Nxe4? 8.axb5 Nxf2 9.Qe2+- *( 9.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 10.Kxf2 Nd4+- )*]



**8.d3** 0.11/10
[ 8.Nxe5!± 0.42/14 Nxe5 9.d4 Bxd4 10.Qxd4 d6 11.axb5 axb5 12.f4 Nc6 13.Qd3 0-0 14.Nc3 Re8 15.e5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rxd8 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Bf4 Re8 19.Rae1 Nc4 20.Bxc7 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Rb7 22.Rd1 Bd7 23.Bd8 Ng4 24.Ne4 Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Firouzja,A (2754) Stavanger 2021 CBM 204 [Firouzja,Alireza] ½-½ (31) ]
**8...d6=**
[ 8...h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Nd5 d6 11.axb5 axb5 12.h3 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Ne7 14.Bb3 Ng6 15.c3 Qf6 16.Be3 Bb6 17.Bxb6 Rxb6 18.Kh2 Nf4 19.Ng1 Be6 20.Bxe6 Nxe6 21.Qf3 Qe7 22.Qe3 b4 23.Ra7 Ivic,V (2585)-Kleiman,J (2399) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 ]
**9.Bg5N** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[ 9.axb5 axb5 10.c3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Bb6 12.Re1 Ng4 13.Re2 Kh8 14.h3 Nh6 15.Nf1 f5 16.d4 Qf6 17.Bd5 Bd7 18.Bg5 Qg6 19.Qd2 f4 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.N1h2 Nhg4 22.hxg4 Nxf3+ 23.Nxf3 Bxg4 Thorn,M (2546)-English Reti E6 (2419) Game 1 2010 CBM 12 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (53) ]
**9...h6** The position is equal. **10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 0-0 12.c3 Bb6 13.Na3 Ne7N**
[ 13...b4 14.Nc4 bxc3 15.bxc3 Na5 16.Nxa5 Bxa5 17.Qc2 Nh5 0.32/9 *( 17...Qe8=* 0.00/8 deserves consideration.*)* 18.Nd2 -0.19/7 *( 18.d4!±* 0.32/9 *)* 18...c6 0.21/10 *( ⌓18...Bb6* -0.19/7 *)* 19.Nc4= Bc7 ½-½ Balogh,C (2583)-Lalic,B (2393) CRO-chT1A 30th 2022 (4.1) ]
**14.Nc2** -0.03/9
[ 14.Re1± 0.35/9 ]
**14...Ng6= 15.Ne3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Kg7 17.Bc2** -0.49/8
[ 17.axb5= -0.04/8 is more appropriate. axb5 18.h3 ]
**17...c5** -0.06/10
[ 17...bxa4∓ -0.49/8 is superior.

18.Qc1 Nh5 ]
**18.axb5 axb5 19.b4 cxb4** 0.02/11
[ 19...c4!∓ -0.42/9 feels stronger. ]
**20.cxb4 Qe7 21.Ra5 Bd7** 0.36/11
[ 21...h5= 0.00/9 was preferrable. ]
**22.d4↑** White is more active. **22...Bc6**
**23.Qa1 Rfe8! 24.Bb3** 0.00/13
[ 24.Ra7± 0.52/11 Rb7 25.Ra6 Bxe4



26.dxe5! dxe5 27.Nxe5! Nxe5 28.Raxf6 Bxc2 29.Rxf7+ Qxf7 30.Rxf7+ Rxf7 31.Bxe5+ Kh7 32.h3 ]
**24...Ra8**
[ 24...Nxe4? 25.dxe5 Nxg3 26.exd6+ Qf6 27.Qxf6+ Kxf6 28.hxg3+- ]
**25.Nd2 Rf8 26.Bc2 Nh5** 0.37/9
[ 26...h5= 0.03/9 should be considered. ]
**27.Be1 Nf6** 0.61/11
[ 27...Qb7= 0.24/8 ]
**28.Rf5** -0.02/12
[ 28.d5!± 0.61/11 Bb7 29.Nb3 ]
**28...Rxa5 29.bxa5 Re8** 0.66/9
[ 29...Qc7= 0.17/9 ]
**30.d5 Bd7 31.Rf2 Bc8** 1.50/12
[ 31...h5!± 0.55/10 ]
**32.Nf1± Qa7** 1.87/10
[ 32...Ng4± 1.42/10 ]
**33.Qa3** 1.45/14
[ 33.Bb4+- 1.87/10 ]
**33...Rd8** 2.51/9
[ 33...Ng4± 1.45/14 ]
**34.Bb4+- Ne8 35.Ng3 Ne7 36.Bd1 Ng8 37.Be2 Qb7 38.Bd3 Ngf6**
**39.Rc2 Bd7?** 5.26/12
[ 39...h5 1.61/10 is tougher. 40.a6 Qxa6 ]
**40.Bxd6 Nxd6 41.Qxd6 Qa7** 7.52/9
[ ⌓41...Qb8 4.04/10 42.Rc7 Bg4 43.Qxe5 Re8 ]
**42.Qxe5** Threatens to win with Rf2.
**42...Qxe3+ 43.Rf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.34
**1-0**

**22** **C78**
□ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2652**
■ **Woodward,Andy** **2590**
ch-USA 2025 Saint Louis USA (11.1)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8.d3 0-0 9.Be3N** 0.10/20
[ 9.Bg5± 0.50/20 ]
[ 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5

Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th 145686 1997 (3) ]

**9...Be7 10.Nc3 Na5 11.Ba2 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.Nxe5 dxe4 14.Ng3 exd3 15.Nxd3** With the idea Nf5.

**15...Re8 16.Re1 Bd5! 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.Bf4 c5 19.Re5 Qd7 20.Nh5** -1.29/22

[ 20.Nxc5 Qxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Nc6 *( 21...Nc4 22.Rxe7 Rxe7 23.b3∓ )* 22.Rxe7 Nxe7∓ ]

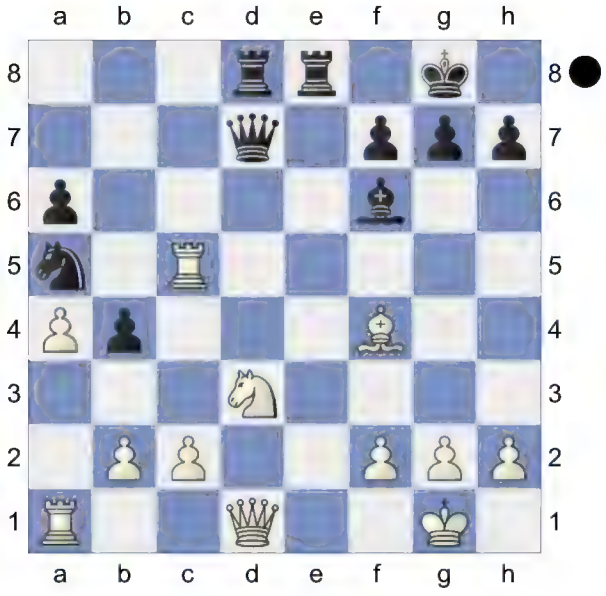
[ 20.Re1∓ -0.41/22 ]

**20...Rad8** -0.12/25

[ 20...Nxh5∓ -1.29/22 21.Qxh5 b3 ]

**21.Nxf6+= Bxf6 22.Rxc5** -0.51/25

[ 22.Rxe8+!= -0.08/26 Rxe8 *( 22...Qxe8 23.Bc7± )* 23.Nxc5 ]



**22...Nb3!∓** Deflection **23.cxb3 Qxd3 24.Qc2 h6 25.Be3**

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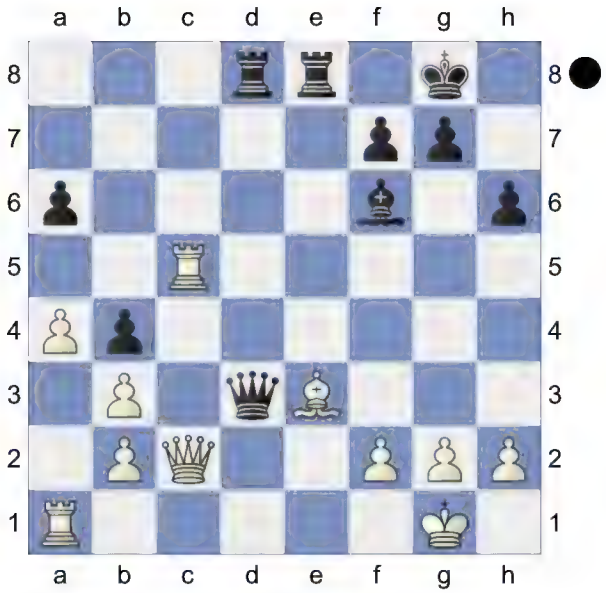


**Bxb2** -0.01/26 **26.Rb1=** The position is equal.

[ 26.Qxb2? gets mated. Qd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rxd1# ]

**26...Qxc2 27.Rxc2 Bd4 28.Bxd4 Rxd4** Endgame KRR-KRR **29.Kf1 Re6 30.Re1** and Rxe6 would now be decisive **30...Red6 31.Re3 g5 32.g3 Kg7 33.Kg2 Rd3 34.Rxd3 Rxd3** KR-KR **35.Rc6 Rxb3 36.Rxa6 Ra3 37.a5 b3 38.Rb6 Rxa5 39.Rxb3 Ra4 40.Rb1 Ra5 41.Rb3 Ra4 42.Rb1 Ra5 43.Rb3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

**43...Ra4**

**½-½**

**23** **C78**

□ **Moussard,Jules** **2597**

■ **Aronian,Levon** **2742**

WchT Blitz Final (1.1) 15.06.2025

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

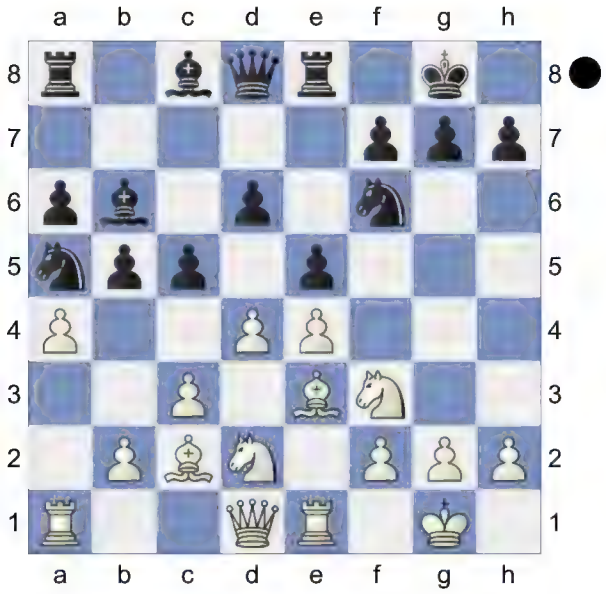
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6**

**8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3** Nowadays more popular than 9.a4.Heutzutage beliebter als 9.a4. **9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 Na5N** The position is equal.

[ 11...h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Qf7 26.Nb7 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**12.Bc2 c5 13.a4N**

[ 13.d5 Ng4 14.Nf1 Nxe3 15.Nxe3 c4 16.b4 cxb3 17.axb3 Qc7 18.Qd2 Bd7 19.Rec1 1-0 (31) Anand,V (2756)-Santos Latasa,J (2675) Leon 35th rapid 2022 (1.2) ]



**13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Bg4 15.axb5 exd4 16.Bg5** Threatens to win with b4.

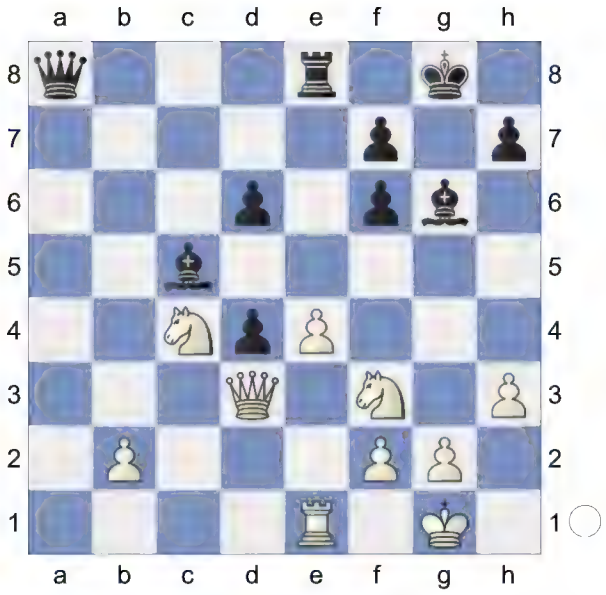
**16...axb5 17.Bd3** Prevents Nc4.

**17...Nc4 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Bxc4**

[ 19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.Bxc4 Nxe4∓ ]

**19...bxc4 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Nxc4 Bc5 22.h3 Bh5 23.Qd3 Bg6**

(Diagram)



**24.Nxd4?** -5.23/25

[ 24.Ncd2!∓ -0.31/21 ]

**24...d5?** -0.49/22

[ 24...Qd5!-+ -5.23/25 25.f3 *( 25.Rd1? Rxe4 26.Ne3 Qxd4-+ )* 25...Qxd4+ *( 25...Bxd4+? 26.Kf1-+ )* 26.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 27.Kf1 Be5 28.Nxe5 dxe5 ]

**25.Nd2∓**

[ 25.Ne3? Rxe4 26.Ne2 Rxe3-+ ]

**25...dxe4**

[ 25...Qa7!? 26.N2b3□ *( 26.Qb5? Rb8-+* Skewer *)* 26...Bb6= ]

**26.Qc4 Bb6↑** Black is pushing. **27.N2b3 Rc8** -0.32/24 Against Nc5

[ 27...Qd8∓ -0.74/22 ]

**28.Qb5** -1.01/24

[ Better is 28.Qb4∓ -0.32/24 Bc7 29.Ra1 ]

**28...Qa7 29.Ra1 Qc7 30.Rd1** -1.76/21

[ 30.Ra4∓ -0.95/23 ]

**30...Rd8?** -0.20/22

[ 30...h5-+ -1.76/21 Hoping for ...Qd6. 31.Rd2 Rb8 ]

**31.Qe2?** -2.86/24

[ 31.Rc1= -0.20/22 Qb8 32.Kf1 ]

**31...Qe5-+ 32.Nc6** -5.92/29

[ 32.Nc2 -2.20/23 nothing else works. ]

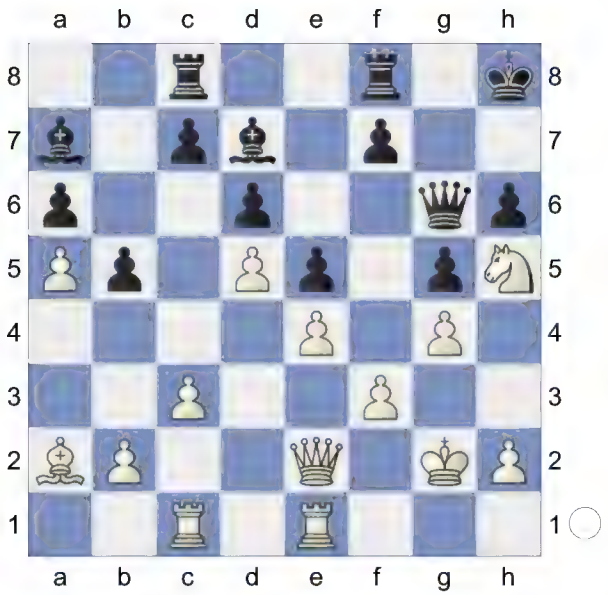
**32...Rxd1+ 33.Qxd1 Qxb2 34.Nbd4**

**Kg7 35.g4** -9.18/25
[ ⌓35.Ne2 -4.27/23 Qa3 36.Kf1 ]
**35...e3 36.fxe3 Bc7?** -0.53/25
[ 36...Be4-+ -8.56/24 37.Qf1 Bc7 ]
**37.Qe2** -5.03/27
[ 37.Ne2!∓ -0.53/25 ]
**37...Qc1+ 38.Kf2 Qh1 39.Qf3** -7.89/27
[ ⌓39.Ne7 -4.56/24 Qh2+ *( 39...Qxh3 40.Ndf5+ Bxf5 41.Nxf5+ Kg6 42.Qf3∓ )* 40.Kf1 Qxh3+ 41.Kf2 ]
**39...Qh2+ 40.Ke1 Qg1+?** -0.69/22
[Black should play 40...Bg3+-+ -15.79/27 41.Qxg3 Qxg3+ 42.Ke2 Qg2+ *( 42...Qxh3? 43.Kf2-+ )* 43.Ke1 Qxh3 ]
**41.Ke2∓ Qh2+** 0.01/22
[ 41...Bg3∓ -0.69/24 42.Nf5+ Bxf5 43.gxf5 Qe1+ 44.Kd3 Qb1+ 45.Ke2 Qb5+ 46.Kd2 Qb2+ 47.Kd3 Qb1+ ]
**42.Ke1= Bg3+ 43.Kd1 Qg1+ 44.Kd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.14/Black=0.57
**44...Qe1#**
**0-1**

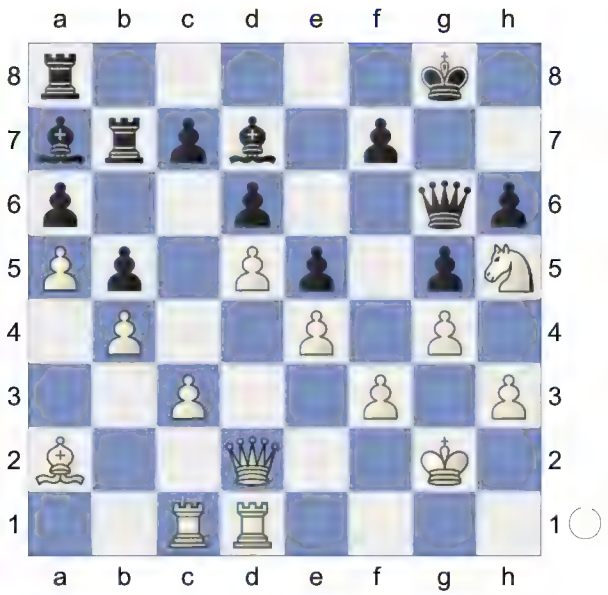
**24** **C78**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **2981**
■ **BitByByte** **2625**
Classical 18.07.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Rapid 25min+1sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8.d3 0-0 9.Bg5N**
[ 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th_145686 1997 (3) ]
**9...h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 d6** White is slightly better. **12.Nbd2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.c3 Bb6 15.Re1 Rb8 16.Nf1 Kg7 17.a5 Ba7 18.Kh1 Kg8 19.f3 Nh5 20.d4 Nxg3+ 21.Nxg3 Qf6 22.Nh5 Qg6 23.g4** White is more active. **23...Rbd8 24.d5 Bc8 25.Bc2 Bd7 26.Qd2 Rc8 27.Kg2 Rfe8 28.Rac1 Kh8** 1.36/21
[Black should try 28...Red8 0.80/21 ]
**29.Bb1 Rf8 30.Ng3** 0.93/21
[ ⌓30.Rh1 1.33/20 ]
**30...Qf6** 1.72/20
[ 30...Kh7± 0.93/21 ]
**31.Ba2!+- Qf4 32.Qe2 Qf6 33.Qd2?** -0.01/22
[ 33.Nh5± 1.58/21 Qe7 34.b4 ]
**33...Qf4= 34.Qe2** -0.01/18
[Better is 34.Qd1± 1.19/22 Nh5 would now be deadly. Qf6 35.b4 ]
White stays focused until the end.
**34...Qf6! 35.Nh5 Qg6** 1.89/20
[ 35...Qe7± 1.46/20 is a better defense. ]

(Diagram)



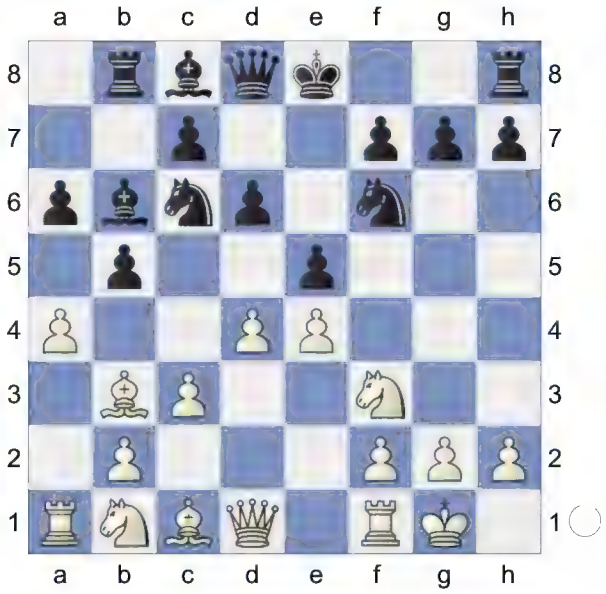
**36.Red1!+- Rb8 37.b4 Rb7 38.h3 Kg8 39.Qd2 Ra8** 2.13/20
[ 39...Rfb8± 1.49/22 40.Bb1 Kh7 ]



**40.c4! Kf8 41.c5 Rbb8 42.Rh1 Ke7?** 5.27/22
[ 42...Re8 2.35/24 43.Rhf1 Kg8 ]
**43.c6 Bc8 44.Rce1 Bd4 45.Rh2 Ba7 46.Bb1 Be6 47.dxe6 fxe6 48.h4 Rh8 49.hxg5 hxg5 50.Reh1 Rh6 51.Ng3 Rah8 52.Rxh6 Rxh6 53.Rh5 Rxh5 54.gxh5 Qf6 55.Ba2 Qf4 56.Qxf4 exf4 57.Ne2 Kf7 58.h6 d5 59.exd5** 33.47/26
[ ⌓59.h7 19.75/28 ]
**59...exd5 60.Bb1 Be3 61.h7 Kg7 62.Nc3 Bd4 63.Nxd5 Be5 64.Kh3** White mates. **64...Bd6 65.Kg4 Be5 66.Kf5 Ba1 67.Kxg5 Be5 68.Kf5 Bd6 69.Ke6 Kh8 70.Kf6 Bxb4 71.Nxc7 Be1 72.Kg6 Bh4 73.Ne6 b4 74.c7 b3 75.c8Q+ Bd8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.74
**76.Qxd8#**
**1-0**

**25** **C78**
□ **David_B0wie** **2600**
■ **tjychess** **2780**
Blitz 08.01.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6**



**10.a5!**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5

Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.h3** Dodges Bg4 **11...h6N**

[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**12.Be3** White is slightly better. **12...0-0** 0.98/21

[ 12...Rb7± 0.59/20 ]

**13.Nbd2** 0.01/22

[ 13.dxe5± 0.98/21 Bxe3 14.exf6 ]

**13...Re8 14.Re1 exd4** 0.69/22

[ 14...Bb7= 0.16/19 ]

**15.cxd4± Nb4 16.e5! Nfd5 17.Ne4 dxe5** 1.41/21

[ 17...Nxe3± 0.33/22 18.Rxe3 Bb7 ]

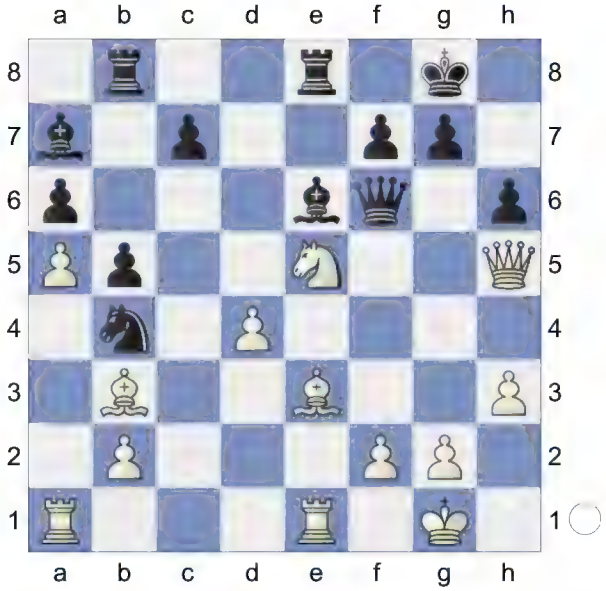
**18.Nxe5± Be6** 2.02/23

[ 18...Qh4± 1.11/22 keeps fighting. ]

**19.Qh5** 0.75/20

[ 19.Bxh6!+- 2.02/23 is the precise move to win. gxh6 20.Bxd5 Nxd5 *( 20...Bxd5? 21.Qg4+ Kh7 22.Qf5+ Kg7 23.Ra3± )* 21.Nc6 ]

**19...Nf6 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6**



**21.d5!** -0.01/21 **Bxe3= 22.dxe6 Bxf2+ 23.Kh1 fxe6** 4.68/24

[ 23...Bxe1= 0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 24.exf7+ Kh7 25.fxe8B *( 25.fxe8R Qf1+ 26.Kh2 Qf4+ 27.Kh1 Qf1+ 28.Kh2 Qf4+ 29.Kg1 Qf2+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+= )* 25...Qf1+ 26.Kh2 Qf4+ 27.Kg1 Qf2+ 28.Kh1 Qf1+ ]

**24.Rf1 Rf8?** 8.10/23

[ 24...c5 3.66/21 25.Qe2 *( 25.Nd7 Qh4+- )* 25...Qg5 *( 25...Rf8? 26.Nd7+-* Deflection *)*]

**25.Nd7+- Qxb2 26.Bxe6+ Kh8 27.Nxb8 Rxb8 28.Qf7 Nd3 29.Rad1 Qe2 30.Bg4 Qe3 31.Rxd3** Deflection

[ 31.Qxc7 Bg3 32.Rxd3 Qxd3± *( 32...Bxc7? 33.Rxe3 Bxa5 34.Bd7+- )*]

**31...Qxd3 32.Qxf2** And now Qf8+! would win. **32...b4 33.Bf5 Qd6 34.Qe2 b3 35.Rd1 Qf6 36.Bb1 c5 37.Qe4 g6**

**38.Qe2**
[Weaker is 38.Qxg6 Qxg6 39.Bxg6 b2± ]
**38...Rf8 39.Qc4 b2 40.Qc2 Kg7 41.Qd3 Rf7 42.Qd5 Qc3**

**43.Qf3??** -#15/25 **Rxf3 44.gxf3 Qxf3+ 45.Kg1 Qxd1+ 46.Kg2 Qxb1 47.Kf3 Qc2** -34.48/5
[ ⌓47...Qf5+ -#4/10 48.Ke2 b1Q *( 48...b1B* leads to mate. *49.h4 c4 50.Ke3 c3 51.h5 c2 52.Kd4 c1Q 53.hxg6 Qe4# )* 49.h4 Qff1+ 50.Ke3 Qbe1# ]
**48.Kf4 b1Q** Black mates. **49.Ke5 Qbb3 50.Kd6 Qcc4 51.Kc7 Qcb5 52.Kd6 c4 53.Kc7 Qd3 54.Kc8 c3 55.Kc7 c2 56.Kc8** Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/ Black=0.96
**56...c1Q#**
**0-1**

**26** **C78**
□ **Shankland,S** **2670**
■ **Pichot,A** **2581**
Fujairah Global Superstar (3.10) 27.8.25
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
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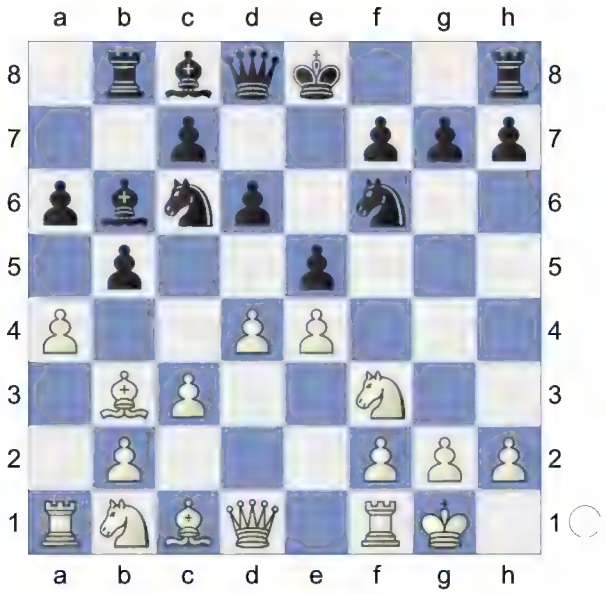

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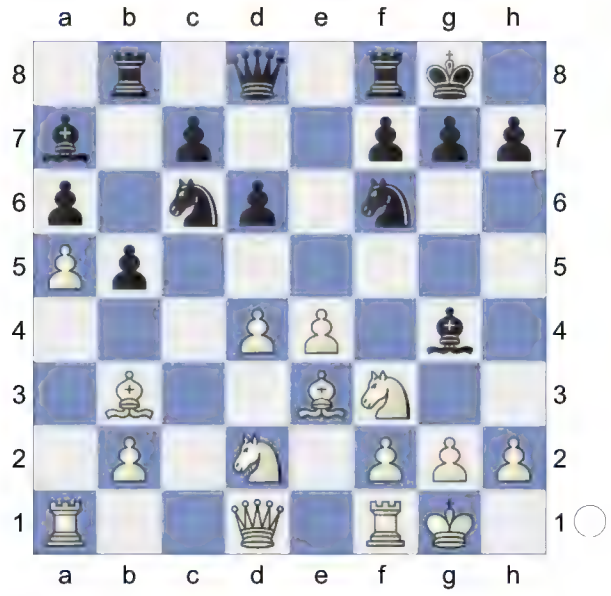
**10...Ba7 11.Be3N** -0.01/21
[ 11.h3!± 0.37/22 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R

(2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)) 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1) 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1) 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**11...Bg4!= 12.Nbd2** The position is equal. **12...exd4 13.cxd4 0-0**



**14.Qc1 Nb4 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 g5**
[ 16...c5 looks sharper. 17.e5 dxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxd4 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Ndf3 Bxf3 21.Qxh6 Qxe5 22.Qg6+ Kh8 ]
**17.Bg3** e5 poses a challenge **17...Nh5 18.Qc3 c5 19.Rae1 Rc8**
[ 19...Qxa5? 20.Bxd6 Nc6 21.Qxa5 *( 21.dxc5 Qxc3 22.bxc3 Rfd8+- )* 21...Nxa5 22.Ne5+- *( 22.Bxc5 Bxc5 23.dxc5 Bxf3=; 22.dxc5 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Nb7± )*]
**20.d5** Prevents Nc6. **20...f6**
[ 20...Qxa5 21.Bxd6 Qb6 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 23.e5± ]
**21.Kh1! Qd7** 0.82/23
[ 21...Qxa5 22.Bxd6 Rfd8 23.e5± ]
[ 21...Nxg3+= 0.01/20 22.hxg3 Qxa5 ]
**22.h4?** -0.84/22
[ 22.h3± 0.82/23 Bxf3 *( 22...Nxg3+ 23.fxg3 Bh5 24.Bd1= )* 23.Nxf3 *( 23.Qxf3 Nxg3+ 24.Qxg3 c4∓ )*]
**22...c4** 0.33/21
[ 22...Nxg3+∓ -0.84/22 23.fxg3 Qh7 ]
**23.Qxb4± Bc5! 24.Qc3 cxb3 25.Nd4 f5 26.exf5 Bxf5 27.Nxf5 Qxf5 28.Qxb3 Rce8** Repels Ne4 **29.Re6 Nf4** 0.81/27
[ 29...gxh4= -0.09/23 keeps the balance. 30.Bxh4 Ng7 ]
**30.Bxf4** -0.01/21
[ 30.Rxh6± 0.81/27 Nf3 is the strong threat. Kg7 31.hxg5 ]
**30...Qxf4= 31.Nf3 g4 32.Nh2⇄** White is not holding back **32...h5 33.Qd3 Rxe6 34.dxe6 Qf5 35.Qd2 Qf4 36.Qc2 Qf5 37.Qd2 Qf4 38.Qd1 Re8 39.g3**
[ 39.Qd5!? Qe5□ 40.Qb7 Qxe6 41.Qxa6∓ ]
**39...Qd4 40.Qc1?** -1.58/27
[ 40.Qxd4= 0.01/23 Bxd4 41.Rd1 ]
**40...Qd5+∓ 41.f3 gxf3** -0.08/24
[ 41...Qxe6? 42.Qg5+ Kh7 43.Qxh5+ *( 43.fxg4 Qe4+ 44.Rf3 Re5± )* 43...Kg7 44.Nxg4+- *( 44.fxg4 Qe4+ 45.Rf3 Rf8+- )*]
[ 41...Rxe6∓ -1.54/24 42.Rd1 Qe5 ]
**42.Nxf3= Rxe6 43.b4?** -2.61/26 **Re3?** -0.26/27
[ 43...Bxb4-+ -2.61/26 ...Re1! would now be deadly. 44.Qc8+ Kf7 45.Qxa6 Re1 46.Qa7+ Kf8 47.Qb8+ Kg7 48.Qa7+ Kf6 ]

**44.Kg2?** -2.50/31
[ 44.bxc5= -0.26/27 and White is okay. Rxf3 45.Rxf3 Qxf3+ 46.Kh2 ]
**44...Re2+-+ 45.Kh1 Re3?** -0.01/24
[ 45...Bxb4-+ -2.82/28 46.Qc8+ Kg7 47.Qxa6 Qf5 48.Qa7+ *( 48.Qb7+? Kh6-+ )* 48...Kh6 ]
**46.Kg2= Re2+ 47.Kh1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.35
**47...Re3?** -0.01/29
[Black should try 47...Bxb4-+ -2.36/28 48.Qc8+ Kg7 49.Qxa6 Kg6 ]
½-½

**27** **C78**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3117**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2704**
Blitz 23.04.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 2min+2sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
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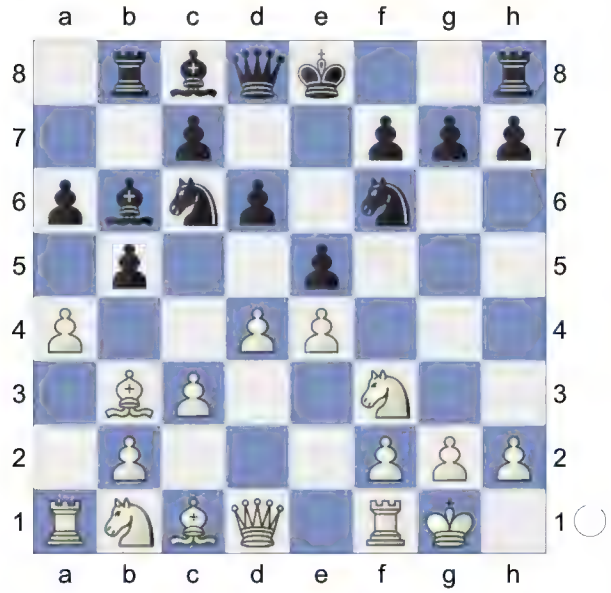

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**10...Ba7 11.h3** Prevents Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3!** White is slightly better.
**12...exd4N**
[ 12...Nxe4?! 13.Bd5 Nxa5 *( 13...exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxe4∓ )* 14.Bxe4+- *( 14.Rxa5 c6± )*]
[ 12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**13.cxd4 Nxe4 14.Qc2** Dodges d5
**14...Qe8 15.Nc3!** White has compensation.

[ 15.Bd5 Nb4 16.Qxe4 Qxe4 17.Bxe4 f5∓ ]

**15...Nf6** 0.92/23

[ 15...Ng3± 0.38/21 ]

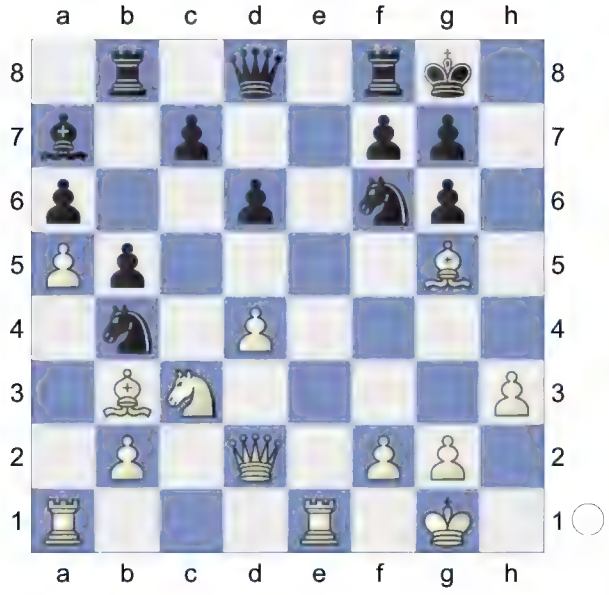
**16.Rfe1↑** White is in control. White is more active. Loses the game. **16...Nb4** 2.09/22

[ 16...Qd8± 0.81/23 ]

**17.Qd2+- Qd8 18.Bg5 Bf5** 2.97/22 Prevents Ne4.

[ ⌓18...Bb7 1.91/19 ]

**19.Nh4 Bg6 20.Nxg6 hxg6**



**21.d5! Qc8?** 3.68/23

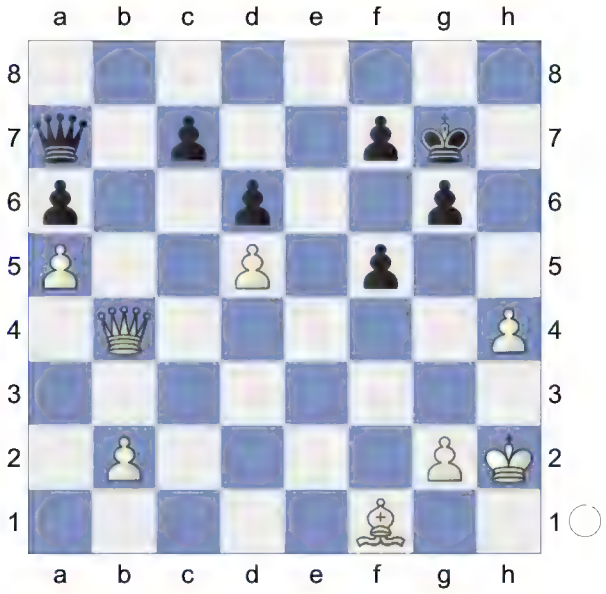
[ 21...Re8 2.09/20 is a better defense. ]

**22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Ne4** Discovered Attack **23...Qf5 24.Qxb4 Rfe8 25.Bc2 Qf4** Threatens to win with ...Bxf2+!. **26.Re2 Kf8 27.Qc3 b4 28.Qd2**

[ 28.Qxf6? perishes. Qxf6 29.Nxf6 Rxe2 30.Nd7+ Kg7 31.Nxb8 Rxc2 *( 31...Bxf2+ 32.Kf1= )* 32.Nxa6 b3-+ *( 32...Rxf2 33.Kh2∓; 32...Rxb2 33.Nxc7 b3 34.Kh2∓ )*]

[ 28.Qxc7 Re7 29.Qc6 *( 29.Qxd6? Qxd6 30.Nxd6 Rxe2-+; 29.g3 Qf3= )* 29...f5= ]

**28...Qh4 29.Rae1 f5 30.Ng5 Bxf2+ 31.Rxf2 Rxe1+ 32.Qxe1 Qxg5 33.Bd3** Against Rb5 **33...Kg7 34.Qd2 Qe7 35.Bf1 Qh4 36.Rf4 Qg5 37.h4 Qe7 38.Rxb4 Rxb4 39.Qxb4 Qe3+ 40.Kh2 Qa7**



**41.h5! gxh5 42.Qf4 Qa8 43.b4 Kf6 44.Bd3 Qb7 45.Qxf5+ Ke7 46.Qe4+ Kd8 47.Qd4 Ke7 48.Be2 Kd8 49.Bxh5** And now Qf6+ would win. **49...c5 50.bxc5 dxc5 51.Qh8+ Ke7 52.Qe5+ Kf8 53.d6 Kg8 54.Qf5 Kg7 55.d7 Qb8+ 56.Kh3 Qb3+ 57.g3 Qc4 58.d8Q** White threatens Qfg5+ and mate. **58...Qe6 59.Qxe6 fxe6 60.Qe7+** White mates. **60...Kh8 61.Bg6 Kg8 62.Qf7+ Kh8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.59

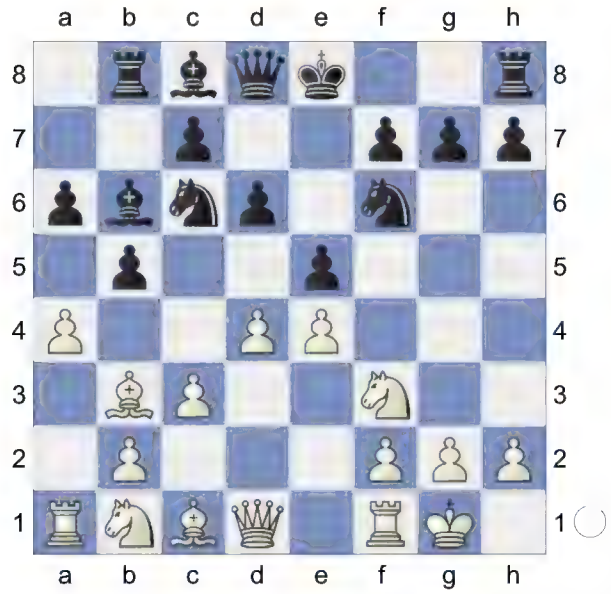
**63.Qh7#**

**1-0**

**28** **C78**
□ **Latinceadam34** **2580**
■ **Americanchampion** **2779**
Rapid 15.02.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 10min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8**



**10.a5! Ba7 11.h3** Repels Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Be3** Hoping for d5. White is slightly better. **12...Nxe4 13.d5N**

[ 13.Nbd2 exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

[ 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]

**13...Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2! 15.Rxf2** -2.69/21

[ 15.Qe1= 0.24/23 Nxh3+ Discovered Attack (Double Check) 16.Kh1 Nf2+ 17.Rxf2 Bxf2 18.Qxf2 ]

**15...Bxf2+-+ 16.Kxf2 Bxc6 17.Nbd2 0-0 18.Qe2 Kh8 19.Kg1 f5 20.h4 Qf6 21.Ng5 d5 22.Ndf3 Rbe8 23.Re1 e4 24.Nd4 Bb7 25.Qh5** -3.66/24

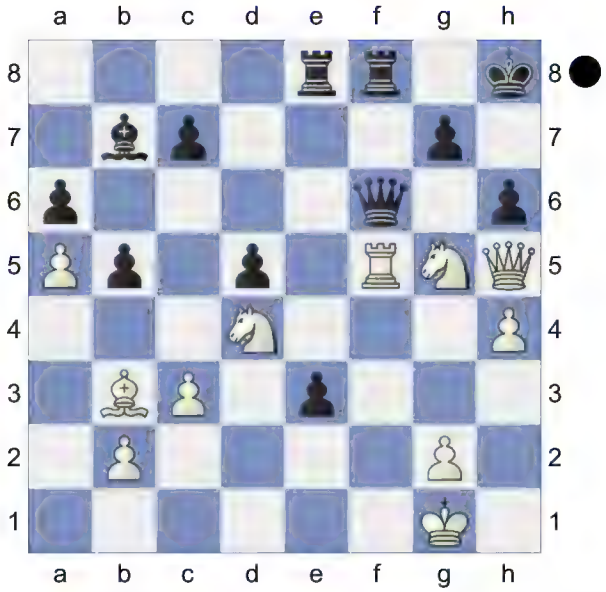
[ ⌓25.Rf1 -2.16/21 g6 26.Qf2 ]

**25...h6 26.Rf1 e3?** -0.15/21

[ 26...f4-+ -2.95/23 27.Ne2 f3 28.gxf3 c5 ]

**27.Rxf5** -7.55/27

[ 27.Ne2= -0.15/21 ]



**27...e2!** Black is clearly winning. **28.Ngf3 e1Q+ 29.Nxe1 Rxe1+ 30.Kf2 Re5 31.Rxf6 Rxf6+**

[ 31...Rxh5? perishes. 32.Rxf8+ Kh7

33.Bc2+ g6 34.Rf7+ Kg8 35.Bxg6+- *( 35.Rxc7 Rxh4 36.Rxb7 Rf4+ 37.Kg1 Rf6+- )*]

**32.Qf3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.32

**32...Rxf3+**

**0-1**

**29** **C78**

□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2640**

■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2657**

Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (1.4)

*[Kitty Kat]*

Slow 90min+30sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4** 3 **e5** 8 **2.Nf3** 14 **Nc6** 6 **3.Bb5** 5 **a6** 8 **4.Ba4** 4 **Nf6** 5 **5.0-0** 9 **b5** 8 **6.Bb3** 6 **Bc5** 6 **7.c3** 28 **d6** 10 **8.d4** 10 **Bb6** 6 **9.Be3** 25 **0-0** 22 **10.Nbd2** 11 **Re8** 21 **11.h3** 3:34 **Na5** 4:01 The position is equal. **12.Bc2** 15:01 **exd4** 17:14 **13.cxd4** 2:26 **Bb7** 6 **14.Re1N** 28:01

[ 14.Qb1 Nc4 15.Nxc4 bxc4 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.Nxc4 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 19.Qd3 Qd7 20.Rfc1 Nf6 21.b3 Nd5 22.Bd2 Re6 23.Re1 Modern Arkhangelsk-10...Re8/Bb7/h6 ]

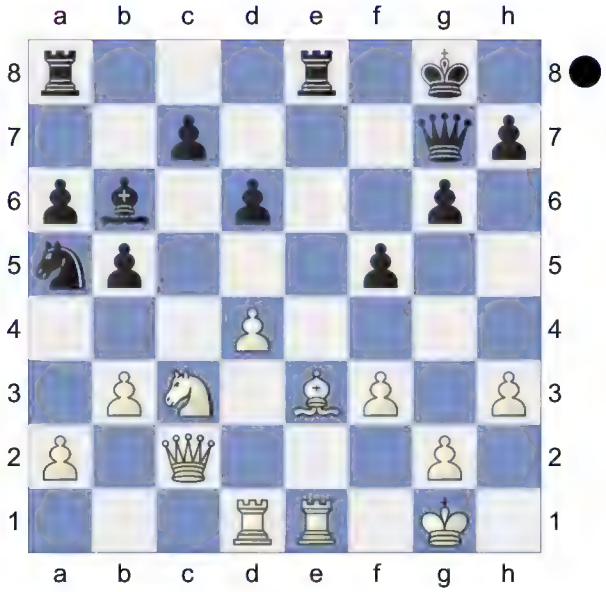
**14...Bxe4** 8:03

[ 14...Nxe4?! 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 *( 15...Bxe4? 16.Bg5+- )* 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.d5+- ]

**15.Nxe4** 15:58 **Nxe4** 13 **16.Bxe4** 8 **Rxe4** 6 **17.Qc2** 17:37 **Re8** 15:12 **18.Ng5!** 45 White has compensation. **18...g6** 2:25 Threatens to win with ... Rxe3! **19.Ne4!** 40 **f6** 1:04 Inhibits Bg5. **20.b3** 1:22 Wards off Nc4 **20...Qe7** 20:12 **21.f3** -0.73/20 4:45

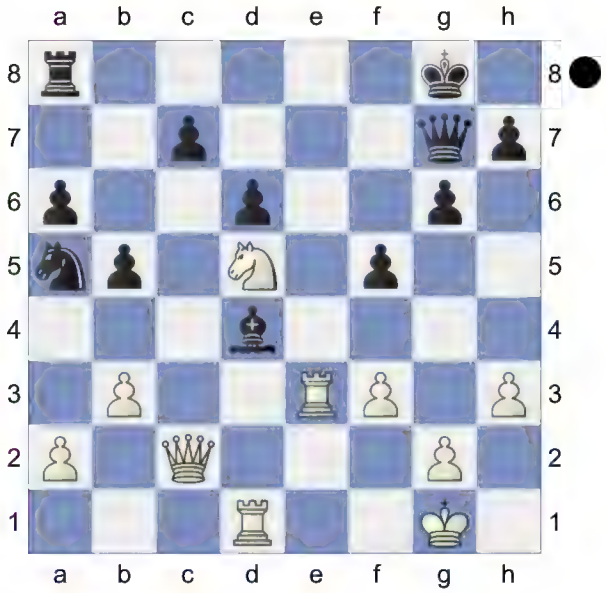
[ 21.Bd2∓ -0.32/18 ]

**21...f5** 14:43 **22.Nc3** 6 **Qg7** 2:53 Strongly threatening ...Rxe3! **23.Rad1** 5:21



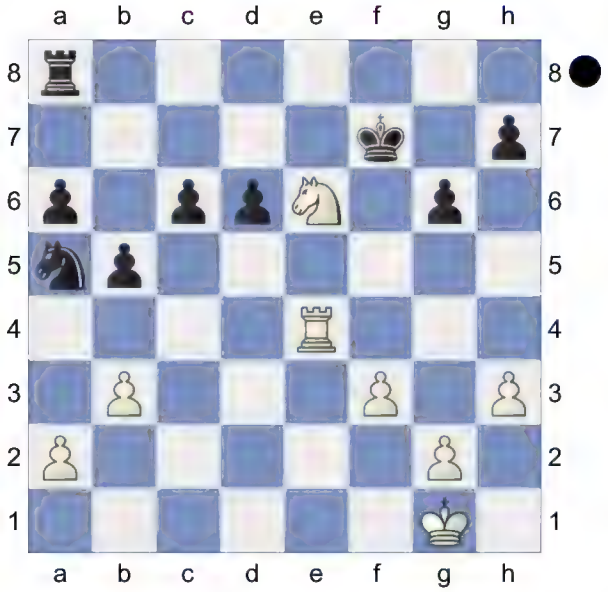
**Rxe3!** 2:29 **24.Rxe3** 7 And now Ne2 would win. **24...Bxd4** 2 Pin **25.Nd5** -1.43/19 6

[ ⌓25.Qd2 -0.85/20 f4 Pin *( 25...Bxe3+ 26.Qxe3 Qe5 27.Qd2∓ )* 26.Qxd4 Qxd4 *( 26...fxe3? 27.Qd5+ Kf8 28.Qxa8++- )* 27.Rxd4 fxe3 28.Re4 ]



**25...f4** -0.01/21 7:50

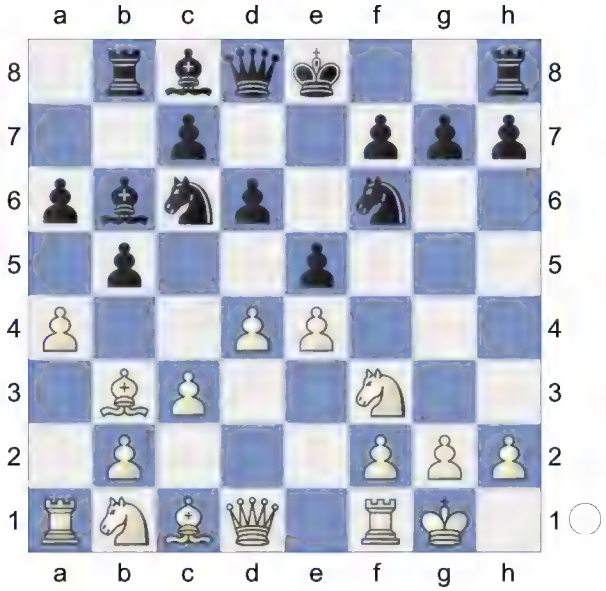
[ 25...c6!∓ -1.43/19 26.Qd2 Bxe3+ *( 26...cxd5? perishes. 27.Qxd4 Qxd4 28.Rxd4+- )* 27.Nxe3 Nb7 ]
**26.Rxd4=** 3:06 **Qxd4** 22 Pin, Double Attack **27.Qe4** 4 **Qxe4** 44 **28.Rxe4** 1 Endgame. KRN-KRN **28...c6** 1:53
**29.Nxf4** -0.97/22 1:33
[ 29.Nf6+!= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. Kf7 30.Nxh7 ]
**29...Kf7∓** 17 **30.Ne6** 8



**h6!** 30 Dodges Ng5+ **31.Nf4** -1.49/19 1:12
[ ⌓31.Nc7 -1.04/20 Rc8 *( 31...Ra7 32.Rf4+ Ke7 33.Re4+ Kd7 34.Ne8= )* 32.Nxa6 ]
**31...Nb7** -1.12/19 1:10
[ ⌓31...g5 -1.49/19 32.Ne2 Kf6 ]
**32.Re6** -1.66/21 10
[ 32.Nd3∓ -1.12/19 ]
**32...Rg8-+** 18 Hoping for ...g5. **33.Re2** 15 **a5** 2:28 **34.Kf2** 16 **Nc5** 26 **35.Rd2** 5 **Ne6** 19 **36.Ne2** -2.42/20 9
[ ⌓36.Nxe6 -1.86/19 Kxe6 37.Re2+ Kf6 38.g3 ]
**36...Ke7** 20 **37.f4** -3.21/20 13
[ 37.Nd4 -2.22/19 is a better defense. Nxd4 38.Rxd4 ]
**37...d5** 10 **38.g4** 12 **Kd6** 9 **39.Ke3** 6 **Re8** 47 **40.Kf3** 1:10 **c5** 16 **41.f5?** -4.78/23 40
[ 41.h4 -2.89/19 ]
**41...Ng5+** 31 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
**0-1**

**30** **C78**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3089**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2630**
Blitz 01.03.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 2min+2sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6**



**10.a5!** **Ba7** **11.h3!** Dodges Bg4
**11...Bb7** **12.Be3** White has an edge.
**12...Nxe4**
[ 12...Ra8 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Qxd8+ Kxd8 16.Bxa7 Rxa7 17.Bxf7 Bxe4 18.Nd2 c6 ]
**13.Re1** 0.11/22
[ 13.d5!± 0.55/23 Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2

15.Qe2 Nxh3+ 16.Kh1 ]

**13...Ne7N** 0.64/21

[Better is 13...exd4!= 0.11/22 14.cxd4 *( 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 14...Ne7 ]

**14.Nbd2!± Nxd2 15.Bxd2**

[ 15.Qxd2 simplifies Bxf3 16.gxf3 Ng6 17.dxe5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 0-0 19.f4 ]

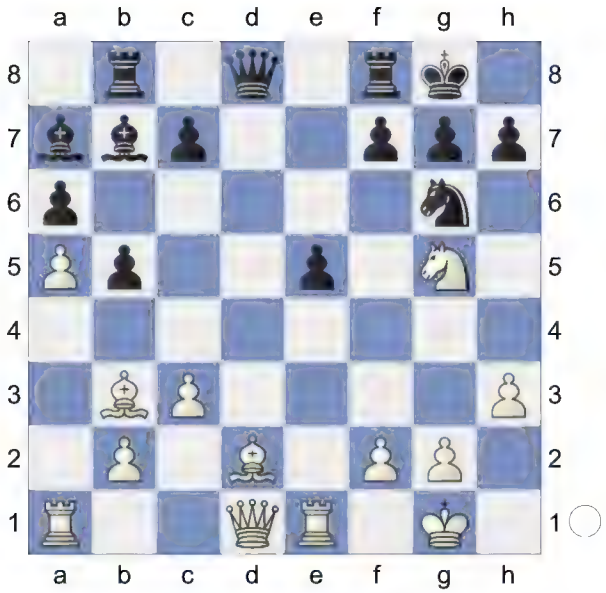
**15...0-0! 16.dxe5 Ng6** 1.55/25

[ 16...dxe5± 0.55/21 17.Nxe5 Nf5 ]

**17.Ng5!± dxe5** 1.82/22

[ 17...h6± 1.25/25 ]

(Diagram)



**18.Qh5!+- Bxf2+**

[ 18...Qxd2 19.Qxh7# ]

**19.Kxf2 Qxd2+ 20.Re2 Qf4+ 21.Kg1 Qh4 22.Qxh4 Nxh4 23.Nxf7→**

White wants a kill. White is more active.

**23...c5** and ...c4 should not be overlooked

[ 23...Rxf7 24.Rf1 Rbf8 25.Rd2+- *( 25.Bxf7+ Rxf7 26.Rxe5 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 Ng6∓; 25.Ref2 Bf3± )*]

**24.Be6** White has strong compensation.

[ 24.Nxe5+ c4 25.Ba2 Rf5= ]

**24...Bc8 25.Nh6+** 0.28/5

[ 25.Nxe5+? Bxe6 26.Rae1 Rb7-+ ]

[White should play 25.Ng5++- 1.78/25 Bxe6 26.Nxe6 ]

**25...Kh8= 26.Nf7+** -0.01/21

[ 26.Bxc8!± 0.37/23 is superior. Rbxc8 27.Ng4 ]

White now steadily converts the win.

**26...Kg8 27.Nd8+**

[ 27.Nxe5+? Bxe6 28.Rae1 Ra8-+ ]

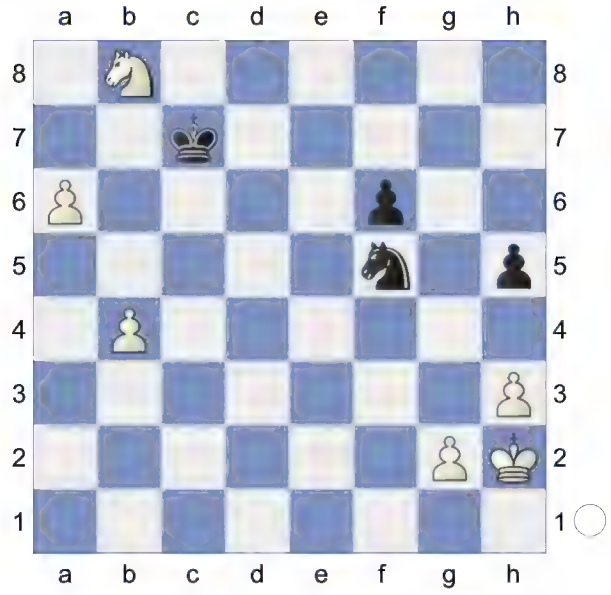
**27...Bxe6 28.Nxe6 Rfc8 29.Rxe5 Rc6 30.Nxc5**

[ 30.Rxc5? loses. Rxe6 31.Rf1 Ng6-+ ]

**30...Ng6** 2.29/23

[ 30...b4 1.66/23 ]

**31.Nd7+- Rbc8 32.Rd5 Re8 33.Rad1 Re7** 4.81/23
[ 33...Nf4 3.11/20 is a better defense. ]
**34.Nb8 Rf6 35.Rd6 Re1+ 36.Rxe1** Black must now prevent Rxf6. **36...Rxd6** Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **37.Re4** Inhibits Nf4. **37...h5 38.b4 Rf6** 5.67/23
[ ⌓38...Kh7 4.02/21 39.Rd4 *( 39.c4 bxc4 40.Rxc4 Ne7+- )* 39...Re6 ]
**39.Kh2**
[ 39.c4 bxc4 40.Rxc4 Ne7+- ]
**39...Kf7 40.c4 bxc4 41.Rxc4 Ne7 42.Rc7 Ke8 43.Ra7 Nf5 44.Rxa6 Kd8 45.Rxf6 gxf6** KN-KN. White is two pawns up. **46.a6 Kc7**



**47.Nd7!** Promotion **47...Ne7**
[ 47...Ne3 48.Nxf6 ]
**48.Nxf6 Kb6 49.b5 Nc8 50.Nxh5 Kxb5 51.a7 Nxa7 52.Nf4 Kc5 53.h4 Nb5 54.h5 Nd6 55.g4 Nf7 56.Kg3 Kd6 57.Nd3 Ke7 58.Kf4 Nd6 59.g5 Kf7 60.Ne5+** 16.88/27
[ ⌓60.h6 #20/31 Kg6 61.Kg4 Ne4 62.Nf4+ Kh7 63.Kh4 Nd6 64.Kh5 Kh8 65.g6 ]
**60...Kg8 61.Ng4** 17.65/26
[ ⌓61.h6 #22/26 Kh7 62.Kg4 Ne4 63.Kh4 Nc5 64.Kh5 Ne6 65.g6+ Kg8 66.Nf7 ]
**61...Kf7 62.Ne5+?** -0.01/26
[ 62.Ke5+- 14.59/25 Nc4+ 63.Kf4 ]
**62...Kg8!= 63.g6** Threatening mate with h6. **63...Nb5 64.h6 Nd4 65.h7+ Kf8 66.h8Q+ Ke7 67.g7 Ne6+ 68.Ke3 Kd6 69.g8Q** 15.52/5
[ ⌓69.Qb8+ #5/12 Kd5 70.g8Q *( 70.g8R Nd4 71.Rg6 Nc2+ 72.Kf4 Kd4 73.Rd6+ Kc5 74.Qb6# )* 70...Kc5 71.Nd7+ Kd5 72.Kd3 Kc6 73.Qxe6# ]
**69...Kd5 70.Qc8 Kd6 71.Qc6+ Ke7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.64
**72.Qd7#**
**1-0**

**31** **C78**
□ **Howell,D** **2677**
■ **Kamsky,G** **2609**
Bundesliga 2024-25 (12.7) 24.03.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1. 7) ]
**8.d3 d6N**
[ 8...0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6

14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th_145686 1997 (3) ]

**9.Nc3 b4 10.Ne2 Na5 11.Ba2 b3 12.Bxb3 Nxb3** White is slightly better.

**13.cxb3 0-0 14.Ng3 Nd7** 0.95/20

[ 14...Re8± 0.41/19 ]

**15.Bd2 Rb8** 1.21/19

[ 15...d5± 0.62/20 ]

**16.b4± Bb6** 1.48/18

[ ⌓16...Ba7 1.04/20 ]

**17.Bc3** 1.07/19

[ ⌓17.Rc1 1.48/18 ]

**17...g6 18.d4 exd4 19.Nxd4 Ne5 20.Nf3** 0.81/21

[ ⌓20.a5 1.25/20 Ba7 21.b5 ]

**20...Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 f5 22.Qd3 f4 23.Ne2**

[ 23.a5!? Ba7 24.Ne2= ]

**23...Qe7! 24.Nd4 Qxe4 25.Qxe4 Bxe4 26.Ne6 Rf7** 1.73/27

[ 26...Rfe8!± 0.55/22 27.Nxf4 Rf8 ]

**27.a5** 0.62/26

[White must play 27.Ng5!+- 1.73/27 Re7 28.Rfe1 ]

**27...Ba7** 1.56/27

[ 27...Bd5!± 0.62/26 ]

**28.Rfe1** 0.08/23

[ 28.Ng5± 1.56/27 Re7 29.Rfe1 ]

**28...Bd5= 29.Rad1 Bb3** This pair of bishops is nice. **30.Rc1**

[Don't blunder 30.Ng5? Rf5 31.Ne6 Bxd1 32.Rxd1 Rc8-+ ]

**30...c5 31.bxc5 Bxc5 32.Nxc5 dxc5 33.f3 Rd8 34.h4 h6** 1.26/26

[ ⌓34...Rf5 0.76/22 ]

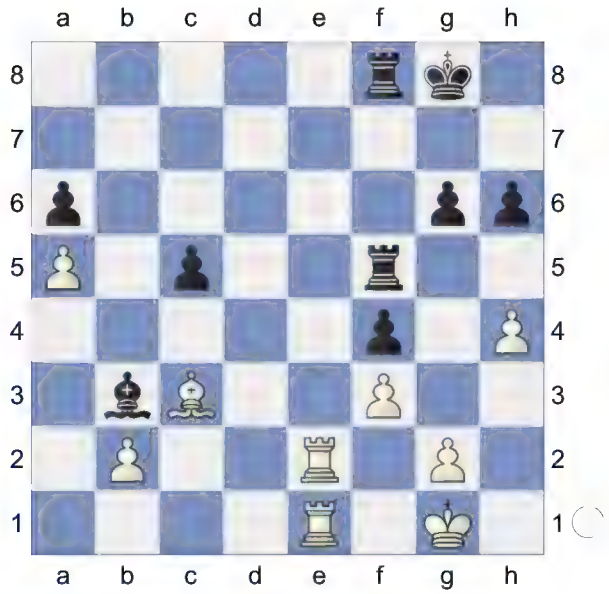
**35.Re5 Rf5 36.Rce1** 1.08/24

[ 36.Re7+- 1.62/26 Rf7 37.Re5 ]

**36...Rdf8± 37.Re7 R5f7** 1.87/27

[ 37...R8f7± 1.09/25 38.R1e5 *( 38.Re8+ Rf8± )* 38...Rxe5 39.Rxe5 Rf5 40.Rxf5 gxf5 ]

**38.R7e2!+- Rf5**

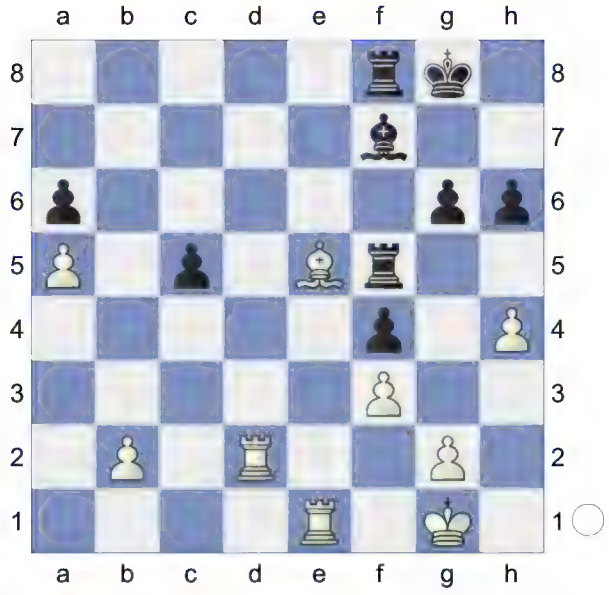


**39.Rd2! Bd5 40.Be5** 0.69/23

[ 40.Re5+- 1.99/29 Rxe5 41.Bxe5 ]

A mistake that costs the game. **40...Bf7** 4.30/24

[ 40...Rd8± 0.69/23 ]



**41.Re4! g5 42.hxg5 hxg5 43.Rd6 Kh7 44.Kf2 Bh5** 5.71/28

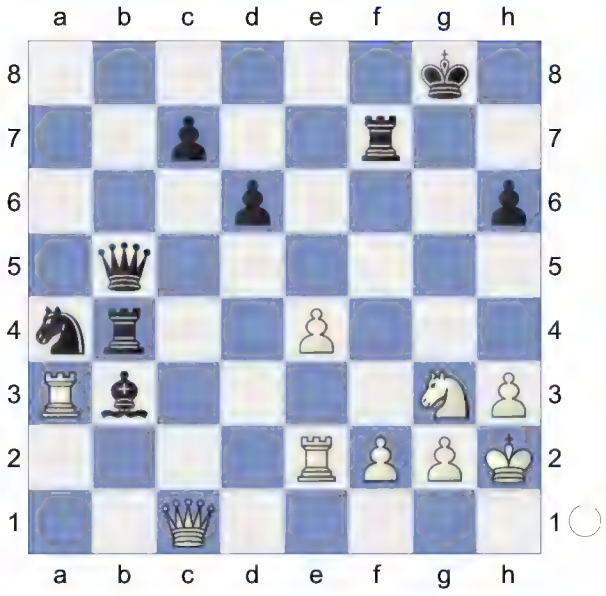
[ ⌓44...Re8 3.69/24 ]

**45.Rxa6** White is clearly winning.

**45...Re8 46.Bc3 Rxe4 47.fxe4** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **47...Rf7 48.Ra8 g4 49.g3 f3 50.a6** And now Rb8 would win. **50...Re7 51.a7 Be8 52.Rc8 Rxa7 53.Rxe8 Ra1 54.Rh8+ Kg6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.50
**55.Rh4**
**1-0**

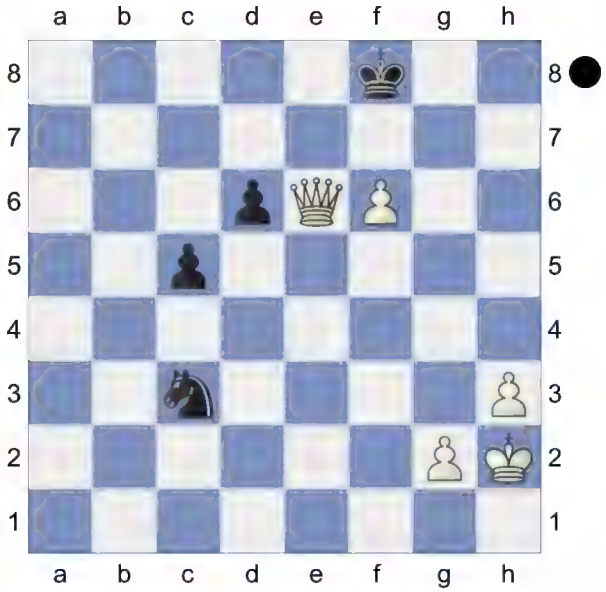
**32** **C78**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3156**
■ **ChessatronBot** **2455**
Rapid 27.03.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 8min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.c3 0-0**
[ 8...h6 9.a4 Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bb6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 b4 15.Qc2 bxc3 16.bxc3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Nb4 Akopian,V (2712)-Cheparinov,I (2678) Jermuk 106/(95) 2009 ]
**9.Nbd2 h6N**
[ 9...Bg4 10.Re1 Ne7 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 c6 14.Ng3 Nh4 15.Qe2 h6 16.a4 Qb6 17.Rf1 b4 18.Rb1 g5 19.Be3 Kh7 20.Qd2 Qa5 21.Bxg5 Nf3+ 22.gxf3 Rg8 23.Be3 Nh5 24.Bxf7 1-0 (34) Konstantinidis,K (2073)-Skodras,M (1563) Thessaloniki White Tower op 2nd 2023 (2) Bxe3 25.Qxe3 Nf4 26.Bxg8+ Rxg8 27.Qa7+ Rg7 28.Qb8 Qxa4 29.Kh2 Qc2 30.Qxd6 Rg6 31.Qxe5 Nxd3 32.Qd4 Nf4 33.Qd7+ Kg8 34.Qe8+ 1-0 Uhlenbrock,E (2073)-Bourlier,C (1563) 15819 Shenzhen 2017 (2) ]
**10.Re1 Ng4 11.Re2** The position is equal. **11...Nf6 12.Nf1 Bb6 13.Ng3 a5** 0.55/20
[ 13...Ne7= 0.16/19 is more appropriate. ]
**14.a4!± b4 15.h3! Rb8 16.d4 bxc3 17.bxc3 exd4 18.cxd4 Bxd4 19.Bxf7+ Rxf7 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.Qxd4 Be6 22.Qd2** White now steadily converts the win. **22...Nd7** 1.21/20
[ 22...Rb4!± 0.51/20 ]
**23.Qxa5± Nc5 24.Qc3 Qd7** 1.40/22
[Black should play 24...Rb3 0.86/21 25.Qc2 Rxg3 26.fxg3 Nb3 ]
**25.Be3 Nxa4 26.Qc1 Rb4 27.Kh2 Bb3** 2.15/18
[ 27...Bc4± 1.34/21 ]
**28.Ra3 Qb5?** 3.44/22
[ 28...Qe6 1.88/19 29.Qa1 c5 ]
**29.Bxh6+-** e5! would now be deadly.
**29...gxh6** 4.14/21
[ ⌓29...Qc5 2.67/20 30.Qg5 Qxg5 31.Bxg5 Be6 ]



**30.e5!**
[ 30.Qxh6 Qe5= ]

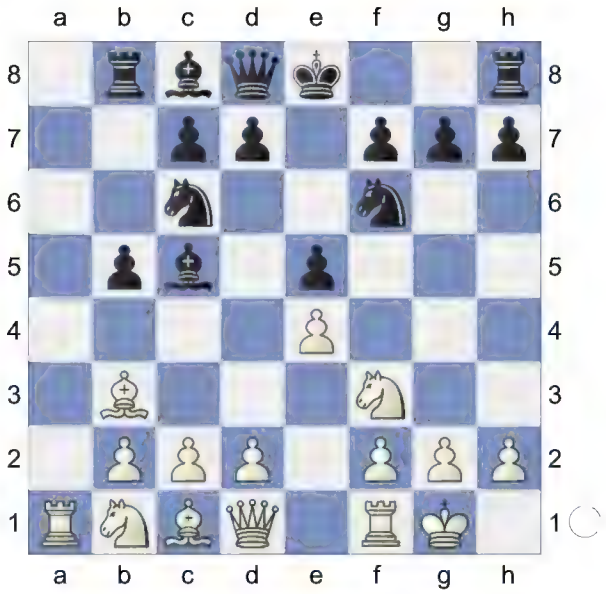
**30...Kg7** 5.47/21
[ 30...dxe5 31.Qxh6 Rh7 32.Qf6= ]
[ 30...Bc4 31.Re1+- ]
[ 30...Rg7 3.67/20 might work better. ]
**31.e6 Re7 32.f4 Bc4 33.Qa1+ Nb2 34.Ra5 Bxe2 35.Rxb5 Bxb5 36.Nh5+**
[ Weaker is 36.Qa5 Nd3= ]
**36...Kf8 37.f5 Be8 38.Nf6 c5 39.Qc1 Kg7 40.Qc3 Rd4 41.Nxe8+ Rxe8 42.Qg3+ Kh8 43.Qg6 Rxe6 44.Qxe6** KQ-KRN **44...Rf4 45.Qxh6+ Kg8 46.Qxf4 Nd1 47.Qh6 Nc3 48.Qe6+ Kf8 49.f6**



**Nd5 50.Qxd5** White wants to mate with Qb7!. **50...Ke8 51.Qb7** White mates. **51...Kd8 52.f7 c4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.42
**53.f8Q#**
**1-0**

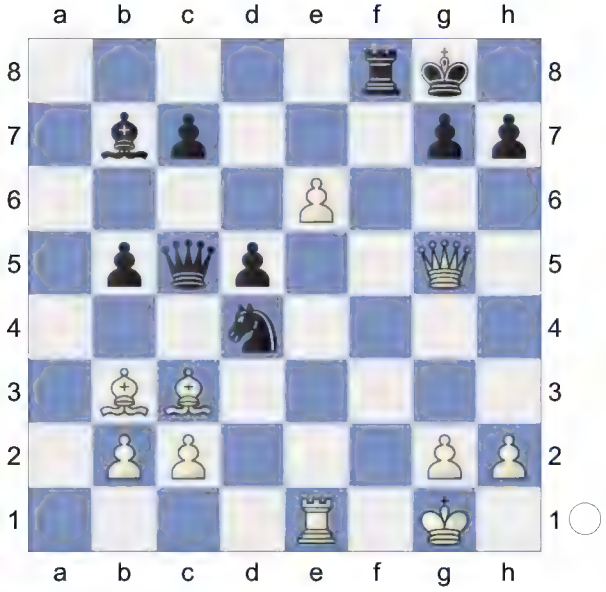
**33** **C78**
□ **Barry_Lindon** **2587**
■ **theblitzchamp** **2699**
Blitz 24.02.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5**

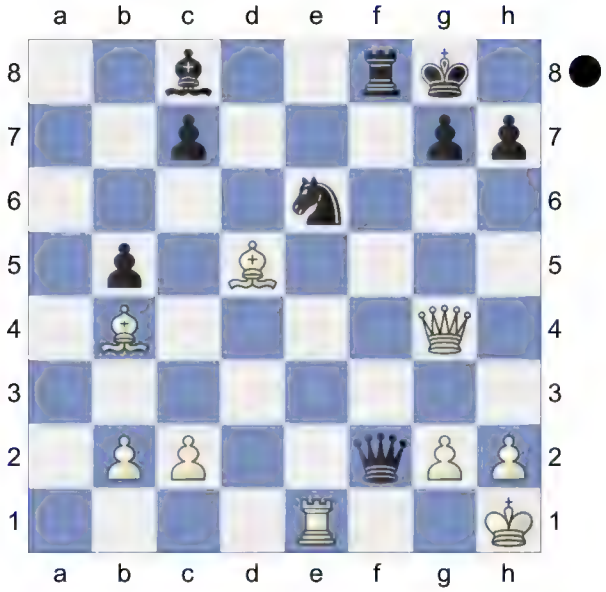


**9.Nxe5!** Remove Defender, Deflection
**9...Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4** White has an edge. **11...d6 12.f4**
[ 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bg4 26.Nd4 Qb6 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**12...Nc6 13.Qc3 Bb7N** 0.82/22
[ 13...Ne7!± 0.31/21 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve

1997 ]
**14.e5± Ne4 15.Qe3↑** White is on the roll. **15...d5** 2.35/20
[ 15...Ne7± 0.83/21 ]
**16.Nd2 Nxd2** 3.24/21
[ ⌓16...0-0 1.90/19 17.h3 Nxd2 18.Bxd2 *( 18.Qxd2 Qe7± )* 18...Re8 ]
**17.Bxd2+-**
[ 17.Qxd2 0-0 18.Bxd5 *( 18.Qxd5 Nd4± )* 18...Qc8± ]
**17...0-0 18.f5** aiming for f6. **18...Re8 19.e6 fxe6 20.fxe6 Qd6 21.Rae1 Rf8** 6.02/24 Repels Rf5
[ 21...Bc8 3.15/21 22.Rf5 Bxe6 23.Bxd5 Nd8 ]
**22.Rxf8+** 2.77/24
[ ⌓22.Bc3 6.02/24 ]
**22...Rxf8 23.Qg5** 1.51/24
[White should play 23.c3+- 2.62/21 ]
**23...Nd4 24.Bc3** 1.05/25
[ ⌓24.e7 1.52/24 Re8 25.Bc3 ]
**24...Qc5±**
[ 24...Nxe6? 25.Rxe6 Qc5+ 26.Re3+- ]



And now ...Nf3+ would win. **25.Kh1** 0.01/22
[ 25.Qe3!± 1.16/25 Nxb3 *( 25...Nxe6? loses. 26.Qxc5 Nxc5 27.Bb4+- )* 26.cxb3 Qxe3+ 27.Rxe3 ]
**25...Nxe6=** Deflection, Back Rank
**26.Qg4 Bc8 27.Bb4?** -4.44/22
[ 27.Rxe6? Rf1# ]
[ 27.h3= 0.01/23 and White is okay. Qd6 28.Be5 ]
**27...Qf2!-+** ( -> ...Qf1+!) **28.Bxd5** -#2/6
[ 28.Rxe6? Qf1# ]
[ 28.Rg1-+ -4.60/27 Rf4 29.Qd1 Rxb4 30.Qxd5 ]



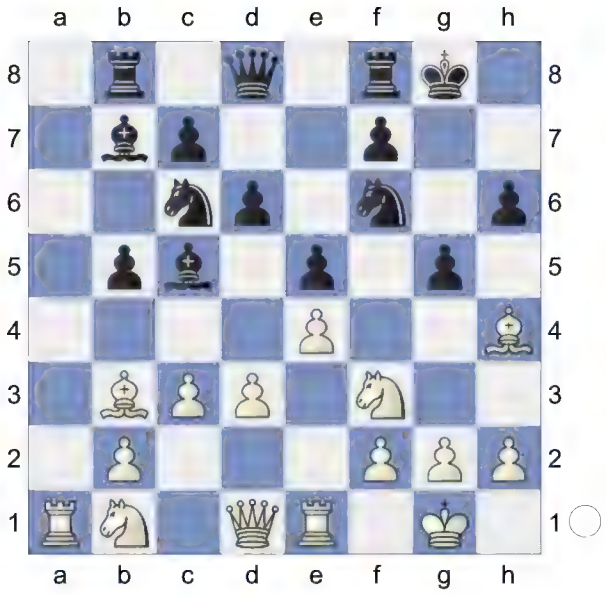
Weighted Error Value: White=1.14/ Black=0.34
**28...Qf1+!!** Back Rank
**0-1**

**34** **C78**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3138**
■ **ChessatronBot** **2458**
Rapid 26.03.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

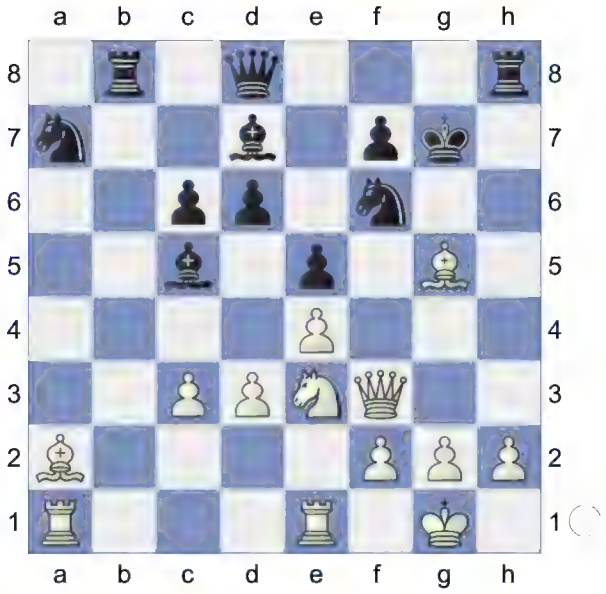
Blitz 8min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6**

**8.c3 Bb7N**
[ 8...0-0 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Bg4 12.Nbd2 Rb8 13.a4 Nh5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Kh1 b4 17.h3 Be6 18.Bh2 bxc3 19.bxc3 Rb7 20.Bd5 Bxd5 21.exd5 Ne7 22.Ne4 Qf5 23.Nxc5 1-0 (52) Kasimdzhanov,R (2673)-Sokolov,I (2676) Olympiad-37 Turin 2006 (5) ]
[ 8...h6 9.a4 Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bb6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 b4 15.Qc2 bxc3 16.bxc3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Nb4 Akopian,V (2712)-Cheparinov,I (2678) Jermuk 106/(95) 2009 ]
[ 8...Bb6 9.a4 Bb7 10.Na3 Ne7 11.Bg5 c6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nh4 Bc8 14.Qh5 Ng6 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.Qxf5 Ke7 17.Nc2 h5 18.Ne3 Qg8 19.axb5 Nf4 20.g3 h4 21.Ng4 Nh5 22.Kg2 axb5 23.Rxa8 1-0 (39) Dias, P (2330)-Osinovsky,S (2241) Speed Chess Q1 Sw blitz 2023 (8) ]
**9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 0-0** 0.69/20
[ ⌓10...g5 0.32/18 11.Bg3 Qd7 ]
**11.a4±** White is slightly better. **11...Rb8 12.axb5 axb5 13.Re1** White leaves nothing to chance now. **13...g5** 0.97/20
[ 13...Bc8± 0.55/18 ]

(Diagram)



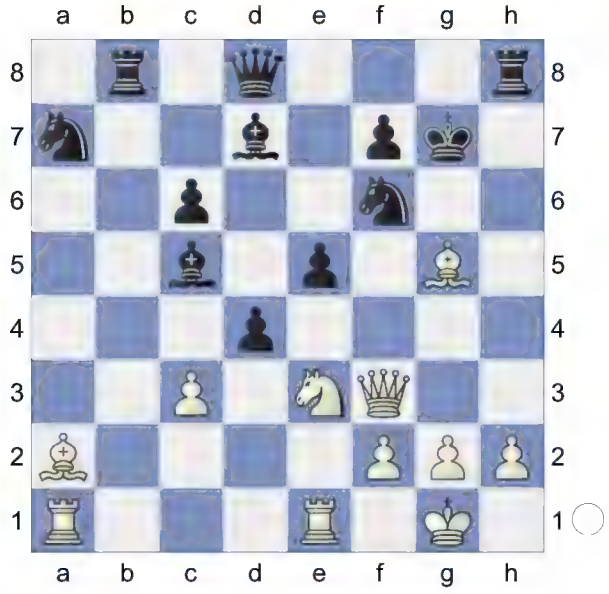
**14.Nxg5!± hxg5 15.Bxg5 Kg7 16.Qf3! b4** 1.63/21
[ 16...Rh8± 0.68/21 ]
**17.Nd2+- Rh8 18.Nf1 bxc3 19.bxc3 Bc8 20.Bd5** White has strong compensation. **20...Bd7** 4.12/21
[ 20...Rh5 1.75/19 ]
**21.Ne3** and Bxc6 should not be overlooked **21...Na7 22.Ba2 c6** 4.76/22
[ 22...Rh6 2.98/20 keeps fighting. 23.Bxh6+ Kxh6 24.Bxf7 Kg7 ]



Prevents Nd5. **23.d4! exd4**

[ 23...Rh5 24.Qxh5 ]

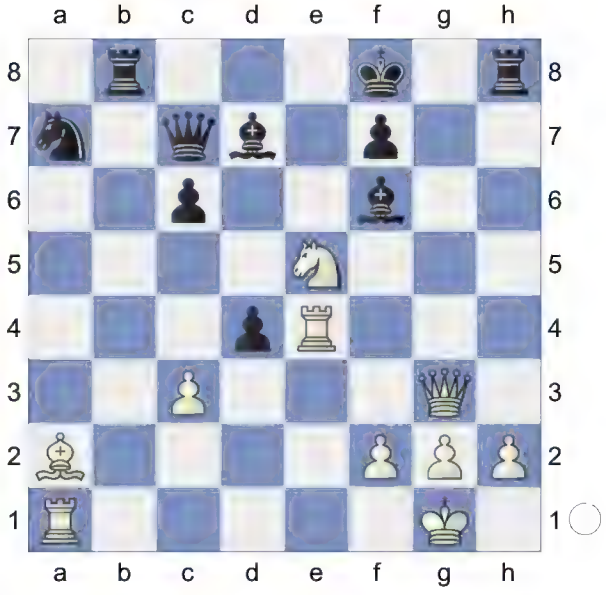
**24.e5! dxe5**



**25.Nc4 e4** 7.40/19
[ ⌓25...dxc3 4.22/19 26.Nxe5 Discovered Attack Bc8 ]
**26.Rxe4 Be7**

(Diagram)

**27.Ne5!** Discovered Attack **27...Qc7**
[ 27...Rb5 28.Bxf6+ ]
**28.Bxf6+ Bxf6 29.Qg3+**
[ 29.Nxf7? loses. Qxh2+ 30.Kf1 Rb2-+ *( 30...Qh1+? 31.Ke2-+ )*]
**29...Kf8**

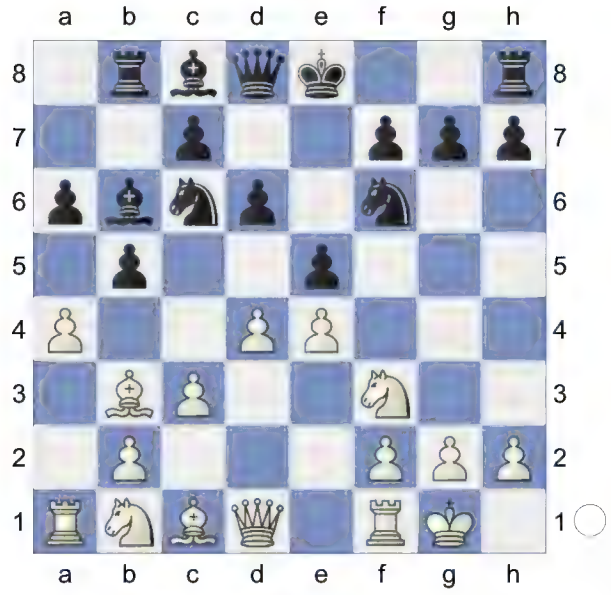


**30.Ng6+!** Discovered Attack **30...fxg6**
[ 30...Kg7 31.Qxc7 ]
**31.Qxc7 Rd8 32.Rf4 Kg7 33.Rxf6 Kxf6 34.Qd6+ Kg5 35.h4+**
White mates. **35...Kh6 36.Bb1 Rhg8 37.Rxa7 Rh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03

(flawless) /Black=1.38
**38.Qxg6#**
**1-0**

**35** **C78**
□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2682**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2577**
RUS-chT 32nd (1.1) 26.04.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6!**



**10.a5!** The main line 10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5.Die Hauptvariante 10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5.
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7**
[ 10...Nxa5 11.Bc2∓ ]
**11.h3!** Prevents Bg4. **11...Bb7 12.Re1N** 0.01/19
[ 12.Be3!± 0.42/24 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**12...0-0= 13.Be3 exd4**
[ 13...Nxe4?! 14.d5± ]
**14.cxd4 Nb4**
[ 14...Nxe4? 15.d5+- ]
**15.Bg5 h6**
[ 15...Bxe4? 16.Rxe4 d5 17.Rf4+- ]
**16.Bh4 c5**
[ 16...Bxe4? 17.Rxe4 g5 18.Re2+- ]
[ 16...Re8 is interesting. 17.e5 dxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxd4 19.Bxf7+ Kh7 ]
**17.Nc3 Re8⇄** Black puts up resistance
**18.Re3N** -0.42/22
[ 18.Qd2 c4 19.Bc2 Nxc2 20.Qxc2 b4 21.Nd5! g5 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Bg3 Rbc8 White must now prevent ...b3!. 24.Rad1 1-0 (36) Gurel,E (2635)-Grigoriants,S (2531) EU-ch

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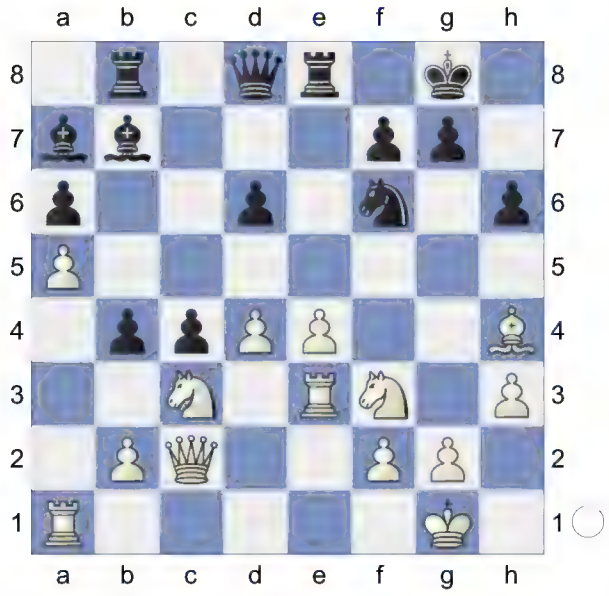
[ 18.Nd5= 0.01/23 Bxd5 *( 18...Rxe4 19.Rxe4 Bxd5 20.Bxf6±* Remove Defender *)* 19.exd5 ]
**18...c4** 0.01/20
[ 18...Bxe4? 19.Rxe4 c4 20.Rf4+- *( 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 21.Bxf6 Qe6+- )*]
[ 18...Rc8∓ -0.42/22 ]
**19.Bc2= Nxc2 20.Qxc2 b4** 0.74/22
[ 20...Re6= -0.01/24 ]



**21.Nd5!±** Discovered Attack **21...g5**
[ 21...Bxd5 22.exd5 ]

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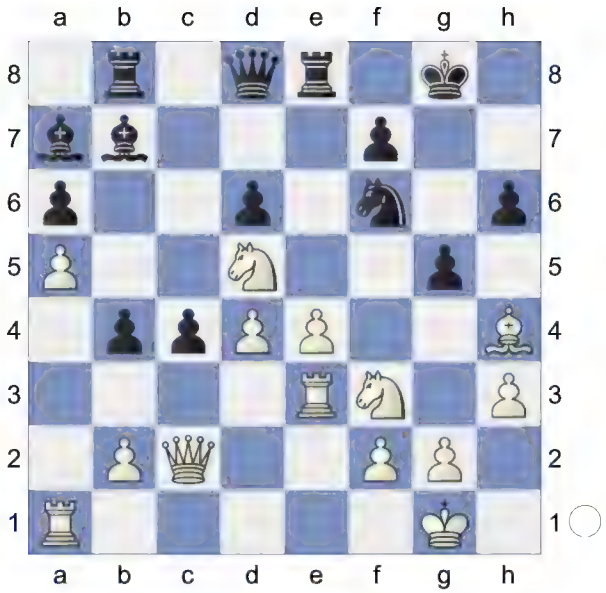
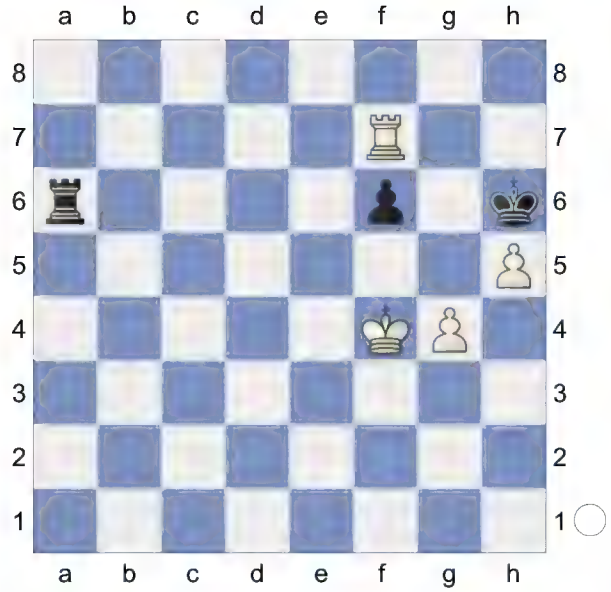
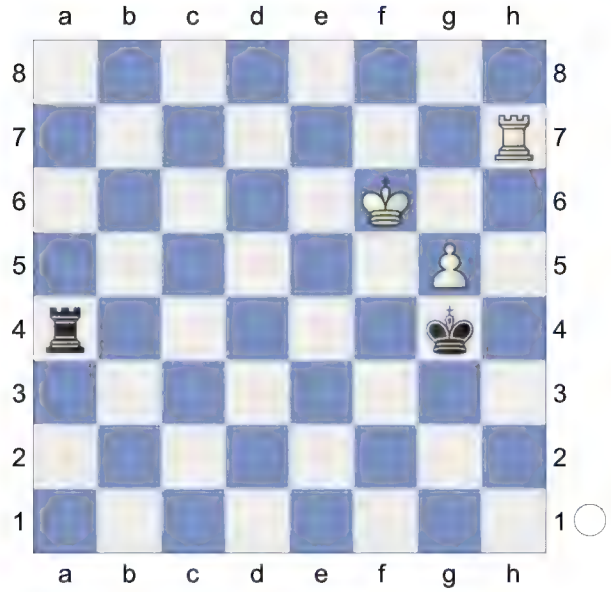


**22.Nxg5 hxg5 23.Bxg5 Bxd5**
[ 23...Bxd4? 24.Rg3 Nxe4 *( 24...Kh8? 25.Qe2+- )* 25.Bxd8++- ]
**24.exd5 Rxe3**
[ 24...Bxd4?! 25.Rg3 Kf8 26.Bh6+ Ke7 27.Qxc4+- ]
**25.fxe3 Qe8 26.Bxf6 Qxe3+ 27.Qf2 Qxf2+** 1.76/25
[ 27...Re8± 1.20/27 ]
**28.Kxf2** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **28...Rb5 29.Rc1** 0.16/22
[ 29.Ke3± 1.59/25 ]
**29...Rxd5= 30.Rxc4 Rf5+**
[ 30...Rxa5? 31.g4 *( 31.Rxb4 Rf5+ 32.Ke3 Rxf6± )* 31...Kh7 32.g5+- *( 32.Rxb4 Kg6= )*]
**31.Ke3 Rxf6 32.Rc7 Bxd4+ 33.Kxd4** KR-KR **33...Rf5 34.Rb7 Rxa5 35.Rxb4 Kf8 36.Rb7 Ra1 37.Kd5 a5 38.Kxd6 a4 39.Ke5 a3 40.bxa3 Rxa3 41.Rb4 Ra5+ 42.Kf6 Ra6+ 43.Kf5 Ra5+ 44.Kf4 Kg7 45.h4 Kg6 46.g4 f6 47.h5+ Kg7 48.Rb7+ Kh6** 0.60/32
[ 48...Kg8= 0.11/28 deserves consideration. ]
**49.Rf7± Ra6** 0.74/34
[ ⌓49...Ra4+ 1.18/40 50.Kf5 Ra5+ 51.Kf4 *( 51.Kxf6 Ra4= )* 51...Ra6 ]



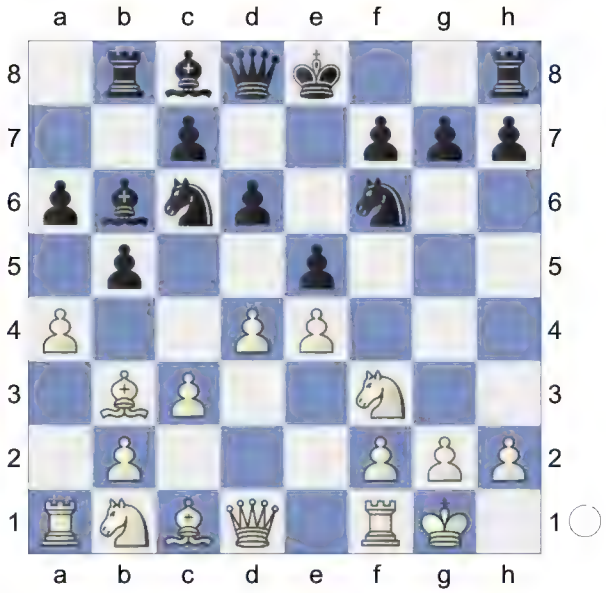
**50.Kf5** 0.33/27 White is more active.
[ 50.Kg3!± 0.74/34 ]
**50...Ra5+ 51.Ke6 Ra6+ 52.Ke7 Ra7+! 53.Kxf6** Intending g5+ and mate.
Discovered Attack **53...Ra4! 54.g5+ Kxh5 55.Rh7+ Kg4**



**56.g6** 0.01/22
[ 56.Re7!± 0.87/36 aiming for g6.
Ra6+ 57.Re6 Rxe6+ 58.Kxe6 Kxg5 ]
**56...Ra6+!=** The position is equal.
**57.Kf7**
[ 57.Kg7!? Kg5□ 58.Rh6 Ra7+ Deflection 59.Kh8 Kxh6 60.g7 Rxg7= ]
**57...Ra7+ 58.Kf6**
[ 58.Kf8!? Ra8+□ 59.Kf7 Ra7+ 60.Kf6 Ra6+ 61.Kf7 Ra7+= ]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
**58...Ra6+**
**½-½**

**36** **C78**
□ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2662**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2630**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (2.4)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6**



**10.a5! Ba7 11.h3** Dodges Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Re1** White is slightly better. **12...0-0 13.Be3 exd4**
[ 13...Nxe4 14.d5± ]
**14.cxd4** Black must now prevent d5.
**14...Nb4**
[ 14...Nxe4? is the wrong capture.

15.d5+- ]

**15.d5 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 c5 17.Na3**

[ 17.Nc3 Nd7 18.Qd2 Re8 19.Ne2 Qf6 20.Ng3 g6 21.Rae1 Qd8 22.Qc3 Rc8 23.Rd1 Qf6 24.e5 dxe5 25.Ne4 Qe7 26.d6 Qf8 27.Nxc5 Nxc5 28.Qxb4 Bxf3 29.Rxf3 Nxb3 30.Qxb3 Red8 31.Qd5 e4 1-0 Wohl,R (2732)-10.0-0 cd4 11. ♘e4 (2597) W-ch18 sf07 corr8994 ICCF corr 1989 ]

[ 17.Qd2 Re8 18.Nc3 Rc8 19.Bc2 Rc7 20.Ne2 Nd7 C 78/02-N,N _5569 2021 ]

**17...Qxa5N**

[ 17...Nd7 18.Nc2 Nxc2 19.Bxc2 Qf6 20.Rb1 Rbe8 21.Qd2 Re7 22.b4 Ne5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.bxc5 dxc5 25.Rg3 f6 26.f4 Qd6 Quickstarter Guide-Archangel with 10.a5 − 11.h ]

**18.Nc2 Qb6 19.Nxb4 cxb4 20.Qd2 a5 21.Bc2** White has compensation. **21...Nd7 22.Nd4 Ne5 23.Rg3** White threatens Rxg7+! and mate. **23...Bc8**

[Worse is 23...Nc4 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Qf6+ *( 26.Nf5 Qd4+- )* 26...Kg8 27.Nf5 ]

**24.Kh2** 0.00/27

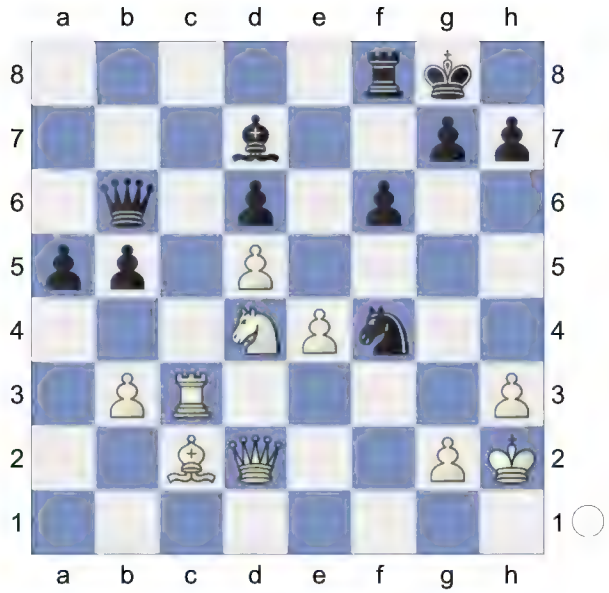
[ 24.b3± 0.57/23 ]

**24...Bd7 25.b3**

[ 25.f4!? Nc4□ 26.Qf2∓ ]

**25...Ng6 26.Rf1 Rbc8 27.f4** aiming for f5. **27...Rc3 28.Rff3 f6 29.Rxc3 bxc3 30.Rxc3 Nxf4!**

(Diagram)



Deflection **31.Qxf4 Qxd4 32.Rc7 Rc8 33.Rxd7 Rxc2 34.Rxd6 Qe5 35.Qxe5 fxe5=** Endgame. KR-KR **36.Re6** And now Kg3! would win. **36...a4** The position is equal. **37.bxa4**

[ 37.Rxe5 simplifies axb3 38.d6 Rd2 39.Rxb5 Rxd6 40.Rxb3 Rd4 41.Re3 ]

**37...bxa4 38.Rxe5** Hoping for Re7. **38...a3 39.d6**

[ 39.Re6 simplifies Rc4 40.Ra6 Rxe4 41.Rxa3 Rd4 42.Ra5 ]

**39...Rd2 40.Ra5** Strongly threatening e5. **40...a2**

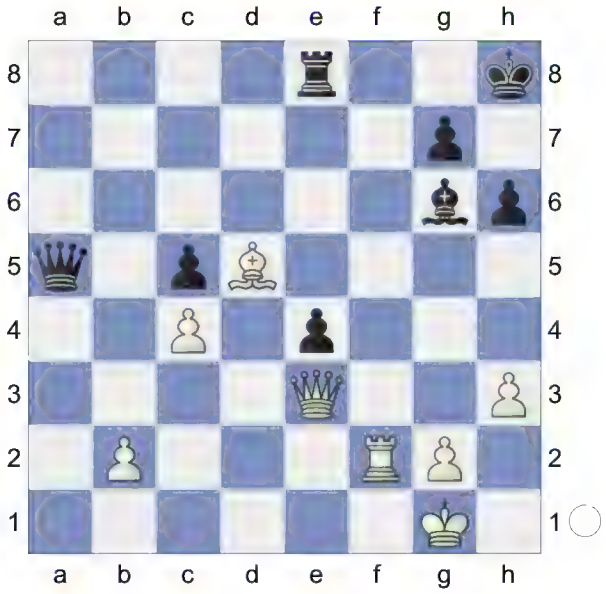
[ 40...Rxd6 simplifies 41.Rxa3 Rd4 42.Re3 g5 ]

**41.d7** Deflection **41...Rxd7 42.Rxa2 Rd3 43.Kg1 Re3 44.Ra4 Re2 45.Kf1 Rb2 46.Ra1 Kf7 47.Re1 Ke6 48.Re2 Rb3 49.Kf2 Ke5 50.Re3 Rb7 51.Kg3 Rb6 52.Kf3 Rf6+ 53.Kg3 Rb6 54.Kf3 Rf6+ 55.Kg3 Rb6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

**½-½**

**37** **C78**
□ **JelenaZ** **2577**
■ **Poirot_Hercule** **2806**
Blitz 18.07.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.d3 d6 10.Nc3**
[ 10.h3 h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Ne2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ke7 17.Qe1 Rhg8 18.Qh4 Rg6 19.Rxf6 1-0 Gregersen,E (1894)-Saliba,K (1570) Reykjavik op 2023 (1) ]
**10...h6 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.fxe3** The position is equal. **12...0-0N**
[ 12...Be6 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.e4 Ng6 16.Kh1 0-0 17.Qd2 Qd7 18.Ra7 Ra8 19.Rfa1 Rxa7 20.Rxa7 Nf4 21.Ng1 N6h5 22.c3 f5 23.Bd1 fxe4 24.dxe4 Nf6 25.Qe3 Rf7 26.h3 Qc8 27.Kh2 ½-½ (52) Kojovic,D (2284)-Stoychev,O (1963) SRB Central-ch 2022 (3) c5 28.Rxf7 Kxf7 29.g3 Ng6 30.Qf2 Kg8 31.Bf3 Qa6 32.Qe2 Qa4 33.h4 b4 34.cxb4 Qxb4 35.Nh3 Nf8 36.Nf2 N8d7 37.Kg2 c4 38.Qc2 Nc5 39.Be2 Qb3 40.Qxb3 cxb3 41.Kf3 Kf7 42.Ke3 ½-½ (52) Daloz,J (2284)-Wang,Y (1963) corr AIWCF/1518 2020 (3) ]
**13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.e4 f5** 0.12/22
[ 15...Ng6∓ -0.34/21 ]
**16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.d6+ Kh8 18.dxe7 Qxe7 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Qe2 c5 21.Rae1 Rbe8 22.Bd5 Qd6** Against Bc6 **23.c4 bxc4 24.dxc4**
[ 24.Bxc4 is more complex. e4 25.Bb5 Re5 26.dxe4 Rxe4 27.Qd1 ]
**24...e4 25.Qe3 Qb6 26.Rf2** Strongly threatening b4!. **26...Bh7 27.Ref1 Rxf2 28.Rxf2 Qa5 29.h3 Bg6** 0.83/26
[ 29...Bg8= 0.05/23 remains equal. ]




**30.g4** -0.01/24
[Better is 30.Bc6!± 0.83/26 Re7 31.Rf8+ Kh7 32.Bd5 ]
**30...Qa1+ 31.Kg2 Qd1?** 2.20/24
[ 31...Kh7= 0.01/23 and Black is okay. ]
**32.Rd2?** 0.01/25
[ 32.Qxc5+- 2.20/24 Rf8+ would kill now. Kh7 33.Qe3 ]
**32...Qc1= 33.Re2 Qb1 34.h4 Rf8?** 1.62/28
[ 34...Qd1= -0.01/24 ]
**35.h5??** -31.77/34
[Worse is 35.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 36.Qxe4 Qf1+ 37.Kg3 Qg1+ 38.Rg2 Qd1= ]
[ 35.Rf2+- 1.62/28 Rc8 36.h5 ]

(Diagram)

**35...Qf1+!-+ 36.Kh2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.31
**36...Rf3**
**0-1**

**38** **C78**
□ **cedchass25** **2567**
■ **hansi_flick** **2732**
Blitz 05.02.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3** Prevents Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Be3**

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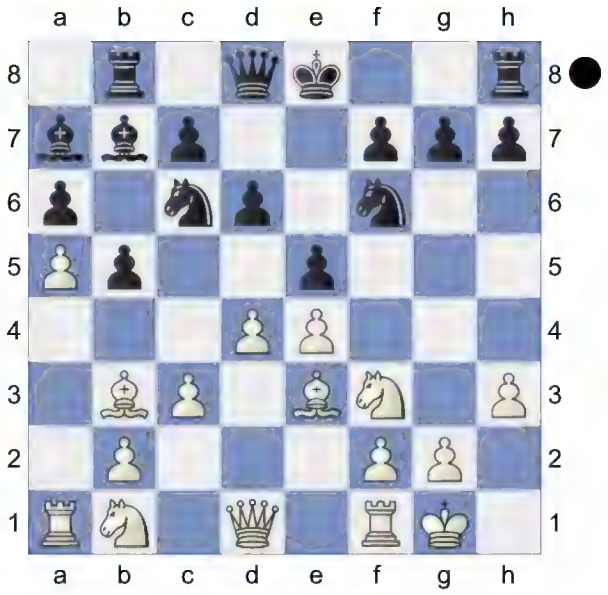
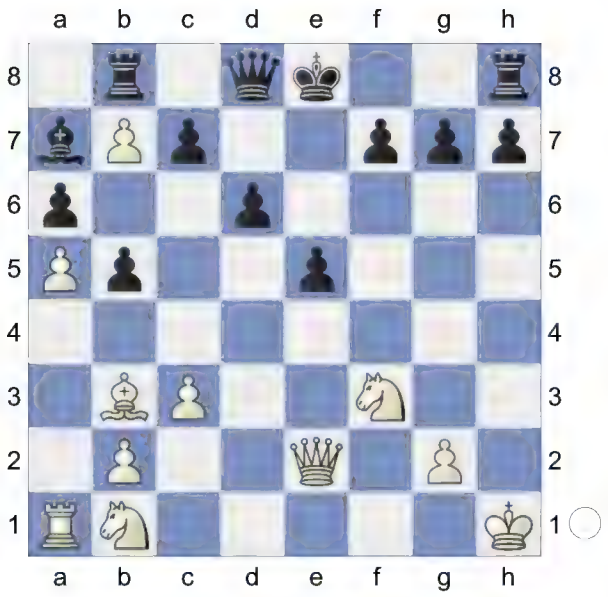


Black must now prevent d5. White is slightly better. **12...Nxe4 13.d5N**
[ 13.Nbd2 exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**13...Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2! 15.Qe2 Nxh3+ 16.Kh1 Nf2+! 17.Rxf2 Bxf2 18.cxb7 Ba7**

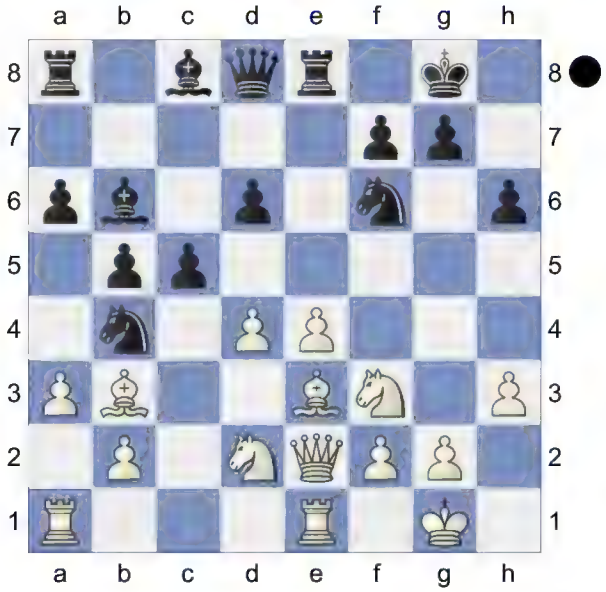
(Diagram)



**19.Bd5 Qd7** Repels Bc6. ...c6 is the strong threat. Now White is beyond hope. **20.Qe4?** -4.34/21
[ 20.Nd4= 0.01/22 and White stays safe. Qe7 21.Nf3 ]
**20...f5-+ 21.Qe2 c6 22.Nxe5** -8.13/22
[ ⌓22.Bb3 -4.61/21 e4 *( 22...Rxb7? 23.Nbd2-+; 22...Qxb7? 23.Na3-+ )* 23.Nbd2 ]
**22...dxe5 23.Qxe5+ Kd8 24.Be6 Re8** -9.63/18
[Weaker is 24...Qxb7 25.Nd2 Qe7 26.Nf3∓ ]
[ ⌓24...Qd1+ -#4/10 25.Kh2 Bg1+ *( 25...Rxb7? 26.Qxf5 Qg1+ 27.Kh3-+ )* 26.Kh1 Bf2+ 27.Kh2 Qh5# ]
**25.Bxd7** Black is clearly winning.
**25...Rxe5 26.Bxc6 Kc7 27.Bf3 g5 28.Na3 g4 29.Bd1 Re1+** -9.60/5
[ ⌓29...g3 -23.56/22 30.Nc2 Rbe8 *( 30...Rxb7? 31.Bf3-+; 30...Re4? 31.Bg4-+ )*]
**30.Kh2 Rxb7**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.33/ Black=0.60
**31.Kg3**
**0-1**

**39** **C78**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2835**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2782**
Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W (2.1) 31.08.23
*[Mon Hokmome]*

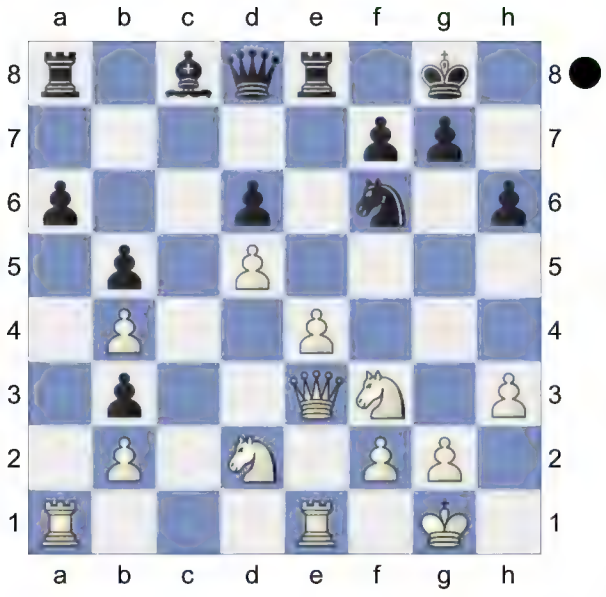
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3** 0.02/21
[ 9.a4± 0.35/18 deserves consideration. ]
**9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1**
11.h3 is the hot move. 11.h3 ist der hippe Zug. **11...h6** The position is equal.
**12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4** 0.79/19
[ 13...Nxe4? 14.Nxe4 *( 14.Bd5 Nxd2 15.Nxd2 Qd7± )* 14...Rxe4 15.Bd5 Rxe3 16.Rxe3+- *( 16.fxe3 Qe8± )*]
[ 13...Na5!= 0.11/20 ]
**14.Qe2** -0.01/20
[ 14.Qb1± 0.79/19 ]
**14...c5!= 15.a3**



[#] aiming for d4xc5. **15...c4!** Black wants to play ...Nb4-d3. **16.axb4** Threatens to win with Bb3-c2. **16...cxb3 17.d5N** White is not holding back New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.

[Vorgänger: 17.Qd3!? Hoping for d4-d5. Nxe4!
**A)** 18.Bxh6 -0.18/22 Bf5 0.22/24 *( 18...Nxf2! -0.18/22 feels stronger. 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Kxf2 gxh6 )* 19.Rxe4 *( 19.Nxe4!? gxh6 20.Nfd2= )* 19...Rxe4 0.80/24 *( 19...Bxe4= -0.01/25 20.Nxe4 gxh6 )* 20.Nxe4± d5 21.Bg5 Qd7 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.Qxb3 ½-½ Dominguez Perez,L (2756)-Keymer,V (2655) Berlin FIDE GP 3 Pool-B 2022 (2);
**B)** 18.Nxe4± 0.31/24 18...Bf5 19.Bxh6!? gxh6 20.Nfd2= Bg6 21.Qc3 Rc8 22.Qxc8 Qxc8 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Nxe8+ Kh7 25. Ruy Lopez Arkhangelsk II:,8-9. Be3 O-O 10.Nbd2 h6 11. h3 R ]

**17...Bxe3 18.Qxe3**



And now Qe3-d4 would win. [#] Threatens to win with Qe3-d4.

**18...Nxd5! 19.Qd4**
[ 19.Qxb3 Nf4 ]

**19...Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7** 0.46/25 Inhibits Na5-b7.
[ 21...Qe7= -0.01/23 is superior. ]

**22.Qe3± g5** 0.76/21
[ 22...Nxg2= 0.18/22 remains equal. 23.Kxg2 Bxh3+ 24.Kh1 Qg4 ]

**23.Nd4±** Pair of Knights! **23...f5!**

**24.Qg3** 0.07/21
[ 24.exf5 Bd5 25.Ne6 Bxe6 26.fxe6 Rxe6∓ ]
[ 24.Ne2!± 0.43/23 feels stronger. ]

**24...fxe4!=** 0.01/18
[ 24...Kh7± 0.55/22 ]

**25.Rxe4= Qf7** 0.64/23
[ 25...Kh7!= 0.07/23 ]

**26.Nb7** -0.01/22
[White should try 26.Ne2!± 0.64/23 Ng6 27.Qxd6 ]

**26...Qxb7** 1.46/21
[ 26...Bd5!= -0.01/22 27.Rxe8+ *( 27.Nxd6 Rxe4 28.Nxf7 Kxf7= )* 27...Qxe8 28.Nxd6 Qf8 ]

**27.Rxf4±** Strongly threatening Rf4-f6.

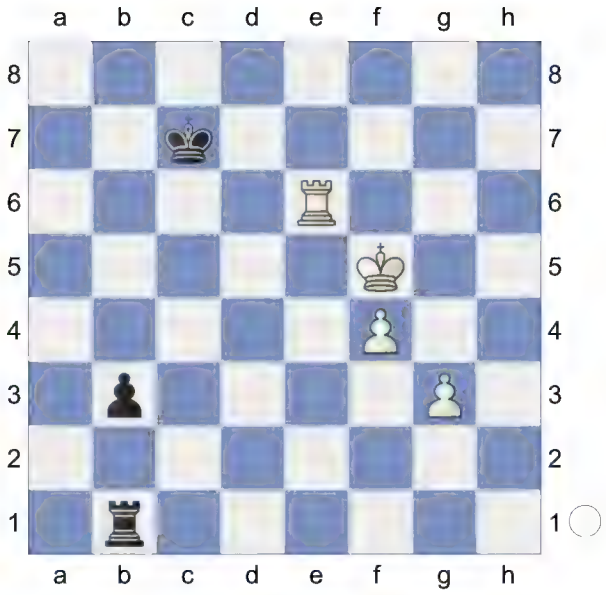
**27...Qg7** Against Rf4-f6 **28.Re4 Bxh3** 3.49/27 **29.Qb3++- Kh8 30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.Qxh3 Qxd4 32.Qxh6+** Endgame KQR-KQR Endgame KQR-KQR **32...Kg8 33.Qxg5+ Kf8** 4.82/24
[ ⌓33...Qg7 3.18/21 34.Qd5+ Qf7 35.Qxd6 Qe6 36.Qg3+ Kf7 37.Qf3+ Kg6 38.Qg3+ Kf7 39.Qf3+ Kg6 40.Qd3+ Kg7 41.Qc3+ Kg8 42.Qg3+ Kf7 ]

**34.g3** 2.21/23
[ ⌓34.Qh6+ 4.82/24 Kf7 35.Rxa6 Re1+ 36.Kh2 Qe5+ 37.f4 ]

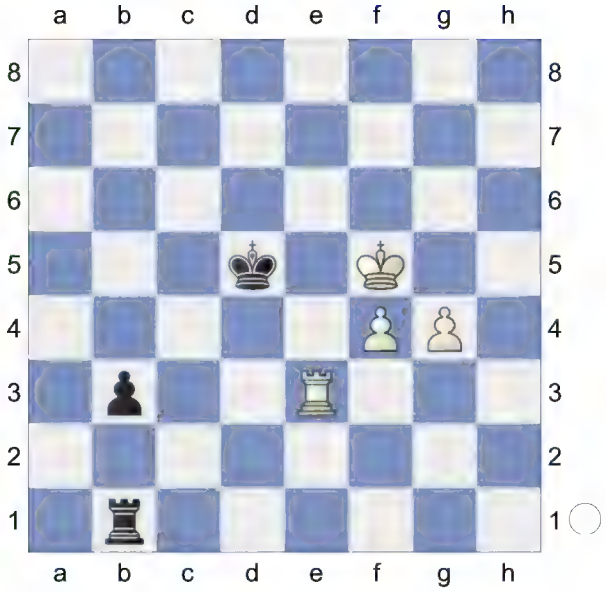
**34...Re2?** 4.58/23
[ 34...Re7 2.21/23 35.Qh6+ *( 35.Rxa6? Re1+ 36.Kg2 Qe4+ 37.f3 Qc2+ 38.Kh3 Qc8+ 39.g4 Qxa6-+ )*
**A)** 35...Kf7 36.Qh7+ *( 36.Rxa6* gets mated. *Re1+ 37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.f3 Re2+ 39.Kh3 Qf5+ 40.g4 Qxf3+ 41.Kh4 Rh2+ 42.Kg5 Qe3+ 43.Kf5 Qe5# )* 36...Kf8;
**B)** 35...Ke8 ]

**35.Qf5+ Ke7** 10.83/27
[ ⌓35...Kg8 4.50/25 36.Rxa6 Re1+ 37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.Qxe4 Rxe4 39.Rxd6 Kg7 *( 39...Rxb4 )*]
**36.Rxa6?** 2.00/24
[ 36.Rc1 10.83/27 Rc1-c7+ would kill now. White threatens Rc1-c7+ and mate. Qb6 37.Qh7+ Ke6 38.Qg6+ Kd7 *( 38...Ke7 39.Qg7+ Kd8 )* 39.Qf7+ Kd8 40.Qf8+ Kd7 41.Qc8+ Ke7 42.Rc7+ Qxc7 43.Qxc7+ Ke8 44.Qc8+ *( 44.Qc6+ Ke7 )* 44...Ke7 45.Qxa6 ]
**36...Re1+ 37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.Qxe4+ Rxe4** KR-KR **39.Ra3 Rxb4 40.Re3+ Kf6 41.b3** Strongly threatening Re3-d3. **41...Rd4** Inhibits Re3-d3. **42.f4 Rd1 43.Kf3 d5** 2.82/27
[ ⌓43...Kf5 1.87/24 44.g4+ Kf6 ]
[ 43...Rd2 2.14/26 was necessary. 44.g4 ]
**44.b4 Rb1 45.Re5 Rxb4?** 4.80/25
[ 45...Rb3+ 2.00/24 keeps fighting. 46.Kg4 Rd3 ]
**46.Rxd5 Rb1 47.Rd6+** 2.50/25
[ ⌓47.Kg4 4.98/26 Ke6 48.Re5+ Kf6 49.Re8 ]
**47...Ke7 48.Rb6 b4?** 4.85/29
[ 48...Kd7 2.73/27 49.g4 Kc7 ]
**49.Kg4 Kd7 50.Kf5?** 0.85/24
[ 50.f5+- 4.84/24 has better winning chances. is more deadly. ]
**50...Kc7± 51.Re6** Re6-e4 is the strong threat. **51...b3?** 5.05/24
[ 51...Ra1± 0.66/23 ]
[ 51...Rc1± 0.78/24 is more resistant. ]

(Diagram)



**52.Re3!+-** And now g3-g4 would win.
**52...Kd6** 7.89/25
[ ⌓52...b2 5.05/25 53.Re2 Rg1 54.Rxb2 Rxg3 ]
**53.g4 Kd5**

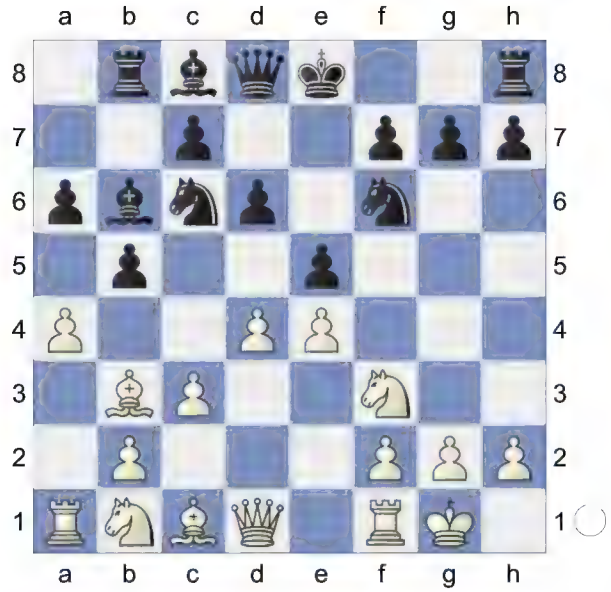


**54.g5! Kd4** 5.67/21
[ ⌓54...Kc4 4.04/21 55.Re2 b2 ]
**55.Rg3** Hoping for g5-g6. Black must now prevent g5-g6. **55...Kc4 56.g6** Intending g6-g7 and mate. **56...Ra1 57.g7 Ra5+ 58.Ke4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.68 Weighted

Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.71
**1-0**

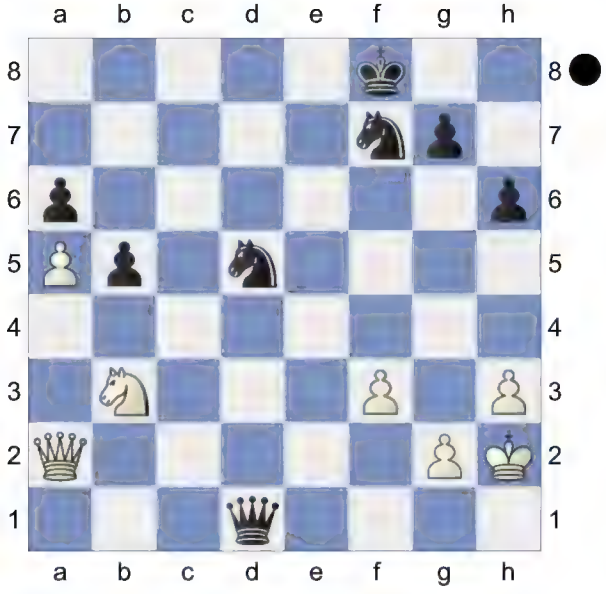
**40** **C78**
□ **gila_main** **2584**
■ **theblitzchamp** **2727**
Blitz 17.11.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8!**



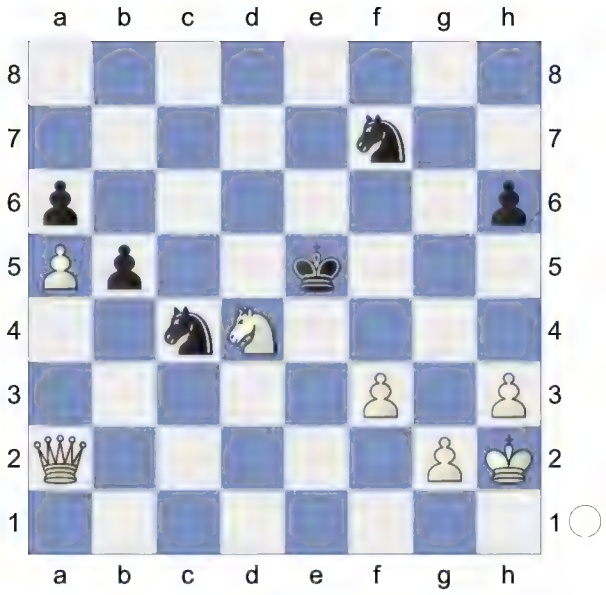
**10.a5!**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7**
[ 10...Nxa5 11.Bc2∓ ]
**11.h3** Wards off Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...exd4N**
[ 12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**13.cxd4 Re8** 1.52/20
[ 13...Ne7= 0.24/21 ]
**14.Nbd2** 0.29/20
[ 14.Nc3± 1.52/20 ]
**14...h6!= 15.Re1! Nb4 16.d5** -0.47/22
[White should try 16.e5!± 0.51/21 Nfd5 17.exd6 ]
**16...Bxe3 17.Rxe3 c5** Inhibits Nd4.
**18.dxc6** -0.56/18
[ 18.Bc2= -0.01/21 ]
**18...Nxc6∓ 19.Qb1** -1.15/21
[ 19.Ba2∓ -0.40/20 ]
**19...Re7** 0.01/21
[ 19...Nxa5∓ -1.15/21 20.Ba2 Nc6 ]
**20.Qa2** -0.62/21
[ 20.Qd3= 0.01/21 ]

**20...Ne5** 0.22/19
[ 20...Bb7∓ -0.62/21 ]
**21.Rc1 Bb7 22.Nd4** -0.94/20
[ 22.Nxe5= -0.08/22 remains equal. dxe5 23.Qa3 ]
**22...Rc8** -0.04/18
[ 22...d5!∓ -0.94/20 23.Nf5 d4 24.Nxe7+ Qxe7 ]
**23.Rxc8** -0.90/21
[ 23.Rce1= -0.04/18 ]
**23...Qxc8∓ 24.Rc3 Rc7** -0.54/22
[ 24...Qd8∓ -0.97/21 Strongly threatening ...Rc7!. 25.Nf5 Rc7 ]
**25.f3?** -4.82/25
[ 25.Nf5!∓ -0.54/22 Qd7 26.f4 Rxc3 27.bxc3 ]
**25...Rxc3-+ 26.bxc3 Qxc3 27.Bxf7+?** -8.06/22
[ 27.Nf5 -3.78/22 Kf8 28.Kh2 ]
**27...Nxf7 28.Nf5 d5 29.exd5 Bxd5 30.Ne7+ Kf8 31.Nxd5 Qd4+ 32.Kh1 Nxd5 33.Nb3 Qd1+ 34.Kh2**



**Qd4??** 23.98/27 **35.Nxd4+- Ne3 36.Ne6+ Ke7 37.Nxg7 Nc4 38.Nf5+ Kf6 39.Nd4 Ke5**

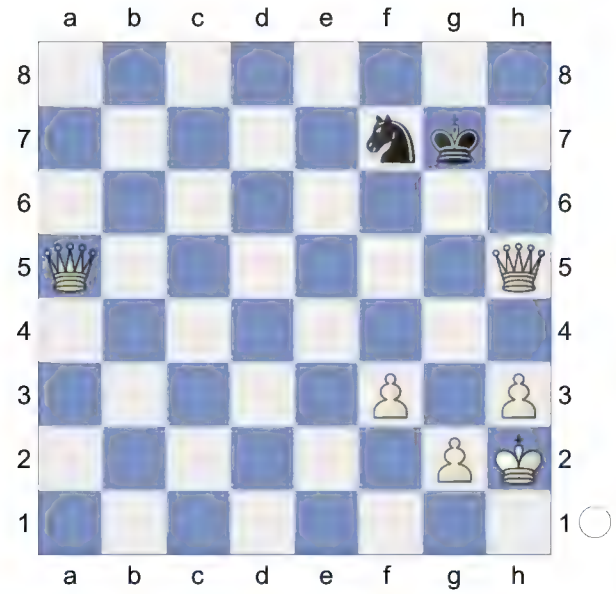
(Diagram)



**40.Nxb5! axb5**
[ 40...Kd5 41.Nc7+ ]
**41.a6 Nfd6 42.a7 Nb6 43.Qa6** 13.19/24
[ ⌓43.f4+ #17/22 Kf5 44.Qc2+ *( 44.a8B Nbc4+-; 44.a8Q Nxa8 45.Qd5+ Kxf4+- )* 44...Kf6 45.Qc6 Kg7 46.Qxb6 *( 46.Qxd6 Nc8 47.Qc7+ Kg6 48.a8Q b4 49.Qac6+ Nd6 50.g4 h5 51.Q6xd6# )* 46...Nf7 47.a8Q *( 47.a8B h5 48.Qd4+ Kh7 49.Be4+ Kg8 50.Bd5 Kh7 51.Qa7 Kg7 52.Qxf7+ Kh6 53.Qf8+ Kh7 54.Be4# )* 47...h5 48.Qd4+ *( 48.Qxb5 Kh6 49.Qf8+ Kg6 50.Qbe8 Kh7 51.Qexf7# )* 48...Kh7 49.Qe8 *( 49.Qae4+ Kg8 50.Qe8+* Deflection, Double Attack *Kh7 51.Qxf7+ Kh6 52.Qh8# )* 49...Kg6 50.Qg8+ Kh6 51.Qgg7# ]
**43...Na8 44.Qc6 b4 45.Qxa8 b3 46.Qb8 h5 47.a8Q** Qe4+ would kill now. **47...b2 48.Qxb2+** 34.53/5
[ ⌓48.Qe4+ #4/10 Kf6 49.Qxd6+ *( 49.Qf8+ Nf7 50.Qf4+ Kg6 51.Q8xf7# )* 49...Kg7 50.Qeg6+ Kh8 51.Qf8# ]
**48...Kf5 49.Qa5+** 35.06/5

[ ⌓49.Qd5+ #4/10 Kg6 50.Qxd6+ Kf7 51.Qdf6+ Kg8 52.Qg7# ]

**49...Kg6 50.Qbe5 Nf7 51.Qxh5+ Kg7**



**52.Qxf7+** 18.88/5 **Kxf7 53.Qb6 Kg7 54.Kg3 Kh8 55.Kf4 Kg8 56.Kf5 Kg7 57.h4** 38.24/16

[ ⌓57.Qd8 #5/15 Kf7 58.Qd7+ Kf8 59.Kf6 Kg8 60.Qg7# ]

**57...Kh8 58.h5** 34.31/15

[ ⌓58.Qb8+ #6/15 Kg7 59.Qe8 Kh7 60.Kf6 Kh6 61.Qh8# ]

**58...Kg8 59.g4 Kh8 60.g5 Kg8 61.Qc7 Kh8** Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=1.22/ Black=0.74

**62.Kf6?** 0.00/6 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/ e5)?

[ 62.h6 #2/6 mates Kg8 63.Qg7# ]

**1-0**

**41** **C78**

□ **moonvision** **2598**

■ **YesssssDooooThat** **2690**

Blitz 30.11.2024

*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.h3 Bb6 9.d4 0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Na5N**

[ 11...Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 24.Rcd2 Bxd5 25.Rxd5 Rxd5 26.Rxd5 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]

**12.Bc2** White is slightly better. **12...Re8** 0.78/20

[ 12...Bb7= 0.23/21 remains equal. ]

**13.Nbd2** 0.16/23

[ 13.Bg5± 0.78/20 ]

**13...Bb7!= 14.e5** -0.87/21

[ 14.Rc1± 0.37/20 keeps the upper hand. ]

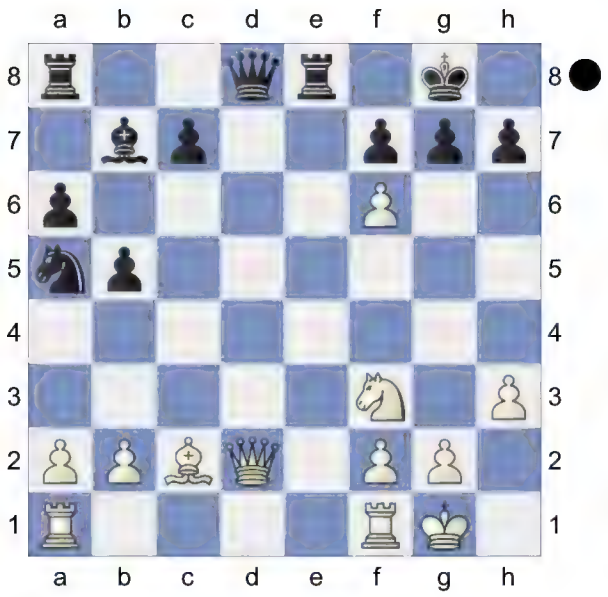
**14...dxe5∓ 15.dxe5** aiming for Bxb6.

**15...Bxe3 16.exf6** -1.23/21

[White should try 16.fxe3∓ -0.55/21 Nd7 17.Qb1 ]

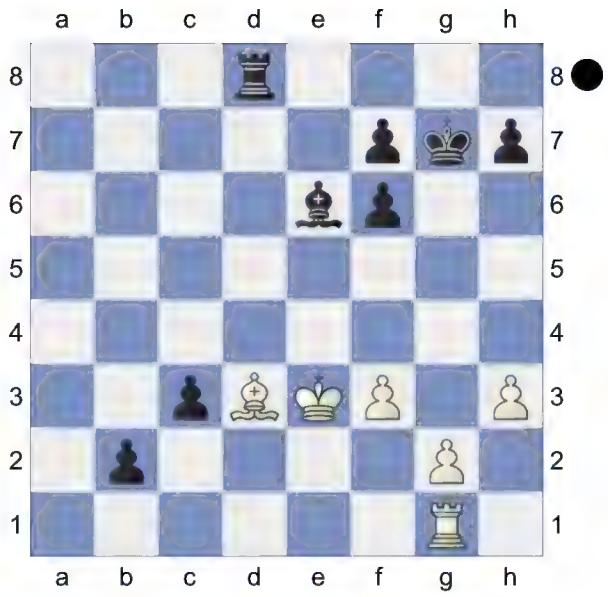
**16...Bxd2 17.Qxd2**

(Diagram)



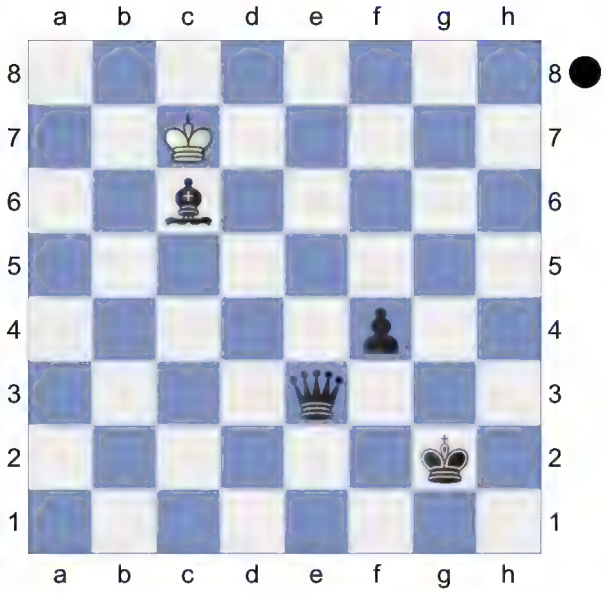
**Nc4 18.Qxd8** -1.78/22
[ 18.Qg5∓ -1.05/25 might work better. Qxf6 *( 18...Nxb2 19.Qxg7# )* 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Nd4 ]
**18...Raxd8-+ 19.b3** -2.63/21
[ 19.Rfc1∓ -1.54/21 ]
**19...Bxf3 20.bxc4 Be2 21.Rfe1 Bxc4 22.a4?** -6.02/22
[ 22.Re7 -2.58/25 ]
**22...gxf6 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rec1 c5 25.Bd1 Re1+ 26.Kh2 Kg7 27.Kg3 Be6 28.Rab1 b4 29.f3 c4 30.Kf2 Rh1 31.Be2 Rxc1 32.Rxc1** Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is two pawns up. **32...c3 33.Ke3 b3 34.Bd3 b2 35.Rg1**

(Diagram)



**Rxd3+!** Remove Defender, Promotion **36.Kxd3** KR-KB **36...Bf5+ 37.Kxc3 b1Q**
[Not 37...b1B 38.g4 Bg6 39.Kd2∓ ]
**38.Rxb1 Bxb1** KB-K3P **39.Kd4 Kg6 40.Ke3 Kg5 41.g3 h5 42.h4+ Kf5 43.Kd4 Ba2 44.Kc5 Bb3 45.Kd4 Bd1 46.Ke3 Ba4 47.Kd4 Bc6** ( -> ...Ba8!) **48.Ke3 Ke5** and ...f5 would now be decisive **49.Kf2 f5** ( -> ...Ba8) **50.Ke2 Kd4 51.Kf2 Kd3 52.g4 fxg4 53.fxg4 hxg4** KB-KP **54.Kg3 f5 55.Kf4 Ke2 56.h5 Kf2?** 0.01/23
[ 56...Be8 -#20/24 mates 57.h6 Bg6 58.Kg5 Bh7 59.Kf6 f4 60.Kg5 g3 *( 60...Kf3? 61.Kf6-+ )* 61.Kxf4 g2 62.Ke5 g1Q *( 62...g1R? 63.Kf6-+ )* 63.Ke6 Qb6+ 64.Ke7 Qc7+ *( 64...Qxh6* gets mated. *65.Kd7 Qf6 66.Kc7 Bf5 67.Kb7 Qd6 68.Ka8 Qc6+ 69.Ka7 Qc7+ 70.Ka8 Be4# )* 65.Kf6 Kf3 *( 65...Qd6+ 66.Kf7 Qe5 67.Kf8 Qc7 68.Ke8 Bg6+ 69.Kf8 Qf7# )* 66.Ke6 Kf4 67.Kf6 Bg8 68.Kg6 Qf7# ]
**57.h6!= g3 58.h7! g2 59.h8Q g1Q 60.Qd4+** -0.39/28
[ 60.Qb2+= 0.01/21 Kf1 61.Qc1+

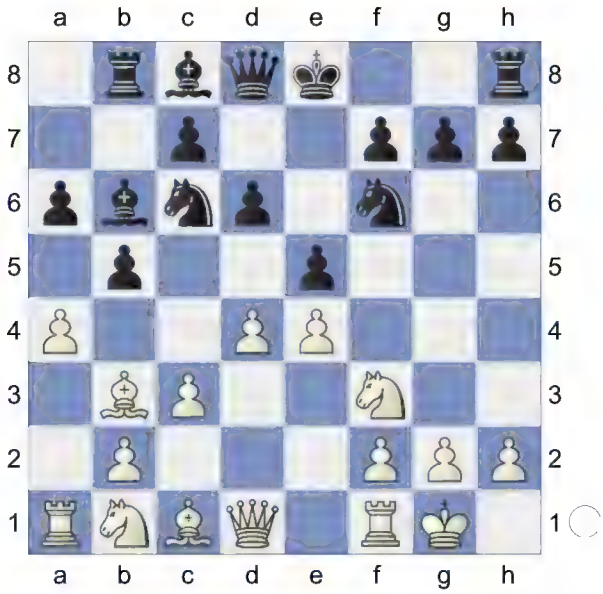
Kg2 62.Qxc6+ Kf1 63.Qc1+ *( 63.Kxf5 Qf2+ 64.Kg6 Qg3+ 65.Kh7 Qh4+ 66.Kg6 Qg4+ 67.Kh6 Qh4+ 68.Kg6 Qg4+ 69.Kf7 Qh5+ 70.Qg6 Qxg6+ 71.Kxg6= )* 63...Kg2 64.Qc6+ ]
**60...Kg2∓ 61.Qb2+ Qf2+** This move loses the game for White. **62.Kg5?** -#8/18
[ 62.Qxf2+= -0.22/30 Kxf2 63.Kxf5 ]
**62...Qxb2 63.Kg6 Qc3 64.Kf7 Qd3 65.Ke7 Qe3+ 66.Kd8 f4** -20.55/5
[ ⌓66...Qa7 -#3/8 67.Kc8 Qd7+ 68.Kb8 Qb7# ]
**67.Kc7-+**



**f3!** Black mates. **68.Kxc6 f2 69.Kb5 f1Q+ 70.Kc6 Qfe2 71.Kd7 Q2d2+ 72.Kc6 Qec3+ 73.Kb5 Qdb2+ 74.Ka4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.23 (precise)
**74...Qca3#**
**0-1**

**42** **C78**
□ **General_Zod_01** **2579**
■ **DrawDenied_Twitch** **2844**
Blitz 25.03.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

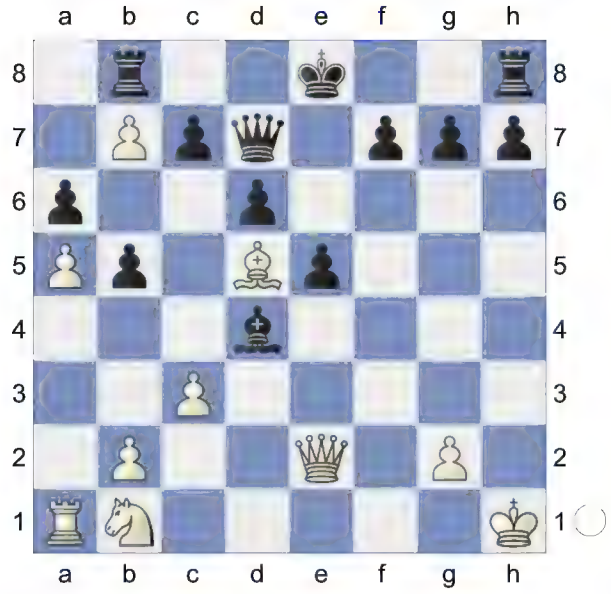
Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8**



**10.a5! Ba7 11.h3** Repels Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Be3** White is slightly better. **12...Nxe4 13.d5N**
[ 13.Nbd2 exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-

Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]

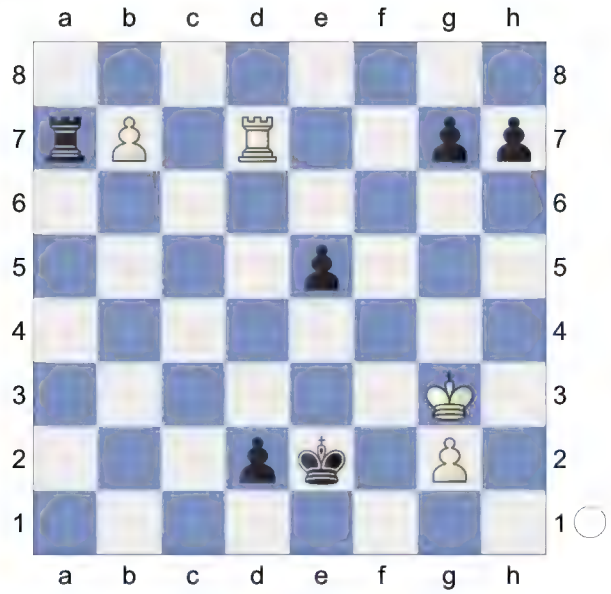
**13...Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2! 15.Qe2↑** White has some pressure. **15...Nxh3+ 16.Kh1! Nf2+ 17.Rxf2 Bxf2 18.cxb7 Ba7 19.Bd5 Qd7! 20.Nd4** Prevents c6. **20...Bxd4** 1.27/22
[ 20...Qe7!± 0.63/21 21.Nf3 f5 ]



**21.cxd4??** -2.56/21 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[ 21.Qf3!± 1.27/22 Threatens to win with Bc6!. Qe7 22.Bc6+ Kd8 23.cxd4 ]
**21...c6-+ 22.Bf3 0-0**
[ 22...Rxb7? 23.Qe4∓ ]
**23.dxe5 Rfe8**
[ 23...Rxb7 24.Nd2 Re8 25.Bg4-+ ]
**24.Qc2** -4.02/21
[ ⌓24.Qf2 -2.72/21 Rxe5 *( 24...dxe5? 25.Nc3∓; 24...Rxb7 25.Nd2∓ )* 25.Nd2 ]
**24...d5**
[ 24...dxe5 25.Qxc6 *( 25.Bxc6 Qc7± )* 25...Qxc6 26.Bxc6± ]
**25.Nd2 Rxe5**
[ 25...Qxb7 26.Qc3∓ ]
[ 25...Rxb7 26.Nb3 Qe6 *( 26...Rxe5 27.Nc5∓ )* 27.Nc5 Qh6+ *( 27...Qxe5 28.Nxb7 Qe7 29.Kg1± )* 28.Kg1-+ ]
**26.Rc1** -4.25/23
[ ⌓26.Qc3 -2.81/22 Qd6 27.Nb3 ]
**26...Re6**
[ 26...Rxb7? 27.Nb3-+ ]
**27.Nb3 Qxb7**
[ 27...Rxb7 28.Kg1 Qe8 29.Kf2-+ ]
**28.Kg1 Qc7 29.Bxd5 Qa7+ 30.Qc5 Qxc5+ 31.Nxc5 cxd5 32.Nxe6 fxe6** Endgame KR-KR. Black is 3 pawns up.
**33.Rc6 Kf7 34.Rxa6 Kf6?** -0.54/20
[ 34...b4-+ -4.16/24 35.Rb6 Ra8 36.Rb7+ Kf6 ]
**35.Rb6!∓ Rc8** -0.01/23
[ 35...Rxb6? 36.axb6 g6 37.b7+- ]
[ 35...Ra8!∓ -0.51/23 36.Rxb5 h5 ]
**36.Rxb5= Rc1+ 37.Kf2 Ra1 38.b4 d4 39.Rb6 Kf5 40.a6 e5 41.b5 Ra2+ 42.Kg3! d3** Strongly threatening ...Ra5.
**43.Rd6** White has compensation.
**43...Ke4** 4.82/26
[ Black should try 43...Ra3± 0.33/22 ]
**44.Rd7+- Ke3** 7.74/18
[ ⌓44...d2 4.26/23 ]
**45.a7! d2 46.b6!**
[ 46.Rxg7 d1Q *( 46...d1R 47.b6∓ )* 47.Kh4 Qh1+ 48.Kg5 Rxg2+ *( 48...Qxg2+? 49.Kf6-+ )* 49.Kf6 Qh6+ 50.Kxe5 Qxg7+ 51.Kd5 Rg5+ *( 51...Qxa7 52.Kc4 Qd4+ 53.Kb3 Rb2+* Skewer *54.Ka3 Qb4# )* 52.Kc4 Qd4+ Deflection *( 52...Qxa7 53.Kb4 Qc7 54.Ka4 Qc3 55.b6 Ra5# )* 53.Kb3 Rxb5+ 54.Kc2 Qd2# ]
**46...Ke2 47.b7**
[ 47.Rxg7? loses. d1Q *( 47...d1R*

*48.b7= )* 48.Kh4 Qd4+ 49.Kh5 Qxb6-+ ]

**47...Rxa7**



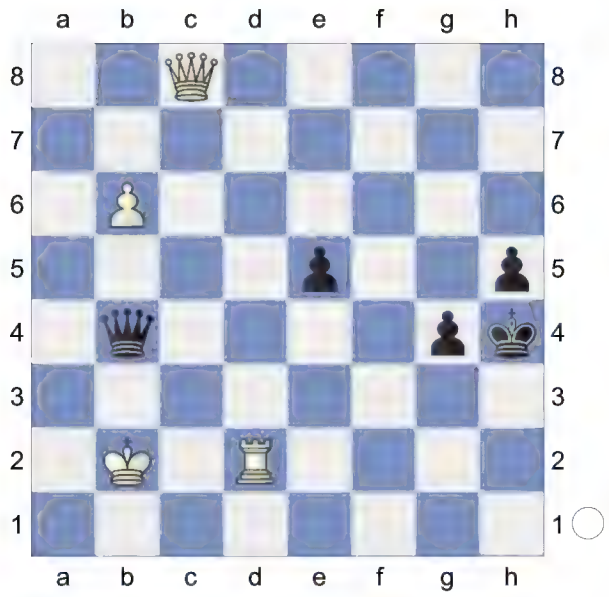
**48.Rxd2+!!** Promotion **48...Kxd2**
**49.b8Q**
[ 49.b8B Ra3+ 50.Kf2 e4 51.Bf4+ e3+ 52.Kf3 h6-+ ]
**49...Ra3+ 50.Kf2 Rd3 51.Qb2+ Kd1**
Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.79
**52.Qe2+**
**1-0**

**43** **C78**
□ **sstrb** **2600**
■ **Consent_to_treatment** **2676**
Blitz 09.12.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

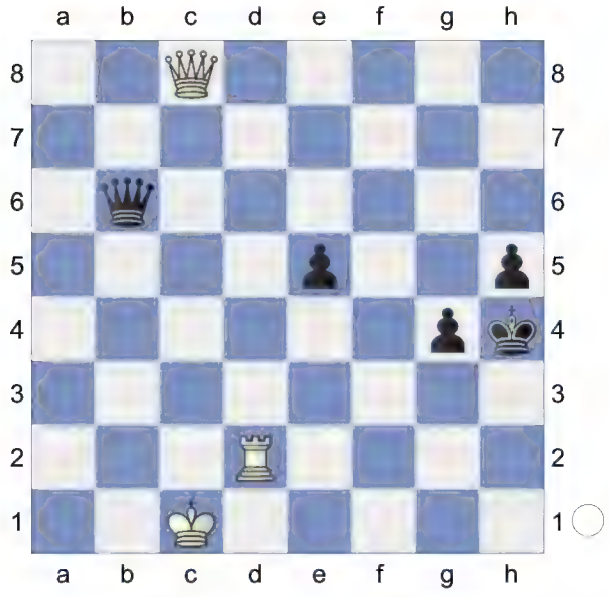
Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.h3 h6 9.a4** Black should prevent axb5. **9...Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Nd5**
[ 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Be6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.exd4 Qg5 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d5 exd5 21.exd5 Qh4 22.Qe4 Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Qxe4 24.dxe4 Ra8 25.b3 Ra2 26.Rc1 Kf7 ½-½ (123) Kusiak,M (1987)-Dziewonski,D (1962) POL-ch Rapid U18 2023 (6) ]
**12...Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Nd4N**
[ 13...Ne7 14.Bb3 Ng6 15.c3 Qf6 16.d4 Bb6 17.Be3 Bb7 18.Bc2 Rfe8 19.Re1 Nf4 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Bxf4 Qxf4 22.Qd7 Qf6 23.Rad1 Red8 9.Qd2 b5 10.000 ♘ b6 (2681)-Pesotsky,V (2524) 69/186 Romania 1997 ]
**14.c3**
[ 14.Be3 simplifies Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.b4 ]
**14...Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Be6 16.Qg3 Qf6 17.b4 Bb6** 0.73/24
[ 17...Bxd5= 0.20/26 remains equal. 18.bxc5 Ra8 19.Bxh6 Qxh6 20.exd5 dxc5 ]
**18.Bc6± Qg6 19.Qxg6 fxg6 20.Be3 Bxe3** 2.33/24
[ 20...g5± 1.25/22 was worth a try. ]
**21.fxe3+- Rxf1+** 3.35/27
[ ⌓21...Rfc8 2.16/24 22.Ra5 h5 ]
**22.Kxf1±** Endgame KRB-KRB **22...Rb6 23.Ra8+** 1.83/26
[ ⌓23.Bd5 3.09/24 Bxd5 24.exd5 ]
**23...Kf7+- 24.Be8+** 0.42/24
[ 24.Bd5!+- 2.09/26 ]
**24...Kf6** 0.94/24
[ 24...Ke7!± 0.42/24 ]
**25.Ra5± c6 26.Ra7 c5 27.Ra5** 0.36/26
White is more active.
[ 27.Kf2!± 1.13/23 ]
**27...cxb4± 28.cxb4**
[ 28.Rxb5? Rxb5 29.Bxb5 b3-+

*( 29...bxc3? 30.Ba4-+ )*]
**28...Ke7?** 2.51/23
[ 28...Rb8= 0.27/24 29.Bc6 *( 29.Rxb5? Rxe8 30.Rb6 Ra8-+; 29.Bxb5 Bb3± )* 29...Rb6 30.Bxb5 *( 30.Rxb5? Rxc6 31.Rb8 Rc1+ 32.Ke2 Rc2+ 33.Kd1 Rxg2-+ )* 30...Kg5 ]
**29.Bxb5+-**
[ 29.Rxb5?! Rxb5 30.Bxb5 g5± ]
**29...Rb7** 3.79/25
[ ⌓29...g5 2.32/27 30.Ke1 g4 ]
**30.Ke2 g5 31.Kd2 g4 32.h4** 2.13/24
[ ⌓32.hxg4 3.67/22 Kd8 33.g5 ]
**32...g3** 3.13/24
[ ⌓32...h5 2.13/24 33.Kc3 Kf6 ]
**33.Kc3 Kf6** 3.51/22
[ ⌓33...h5 2.45/22 34.Bc4 Bd7 ]
**34.Bc4 Bxc4** 7.50/22
[ 34...Bg4 3.45/21 35.d4 exd4+ 36.exd4 Bd7 ]
**35.dxc4** KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
[ 35.Kxc4 Rc7+ 36.Kb3 Rc1± ]
**35...Kg6 36.b5 Kh5 37.Ra6 Kxh4 38.Rxd6 h5 39.b6 g5 40.c5 g4 41.Rg6 Rf7 42.c6 Rf2 43.Rd6** aiming for c7.
[ 43.c7 Rc2+ 44.Kb4 Rc4+ 45.Kb3 Rb4+ 46.Kc2 Rc4+ 47.Kb2 Rc2+ 48.Kb3 Rc3+ 49.Ka2 *( 49.Kb4 Rc4+ 50.Kb3 Rc3+ 51.Ka2 Ra3+ 52.Kb2 Rb3+ 53.Ka2 Rb2+ 54.Ka3 Rb3+ 55.Ka4 Rb4+ 56.Ka3 Rb3+ 57.Ka4 Rb4+ 58.Ka5 Rb5+ 59.Ka6 Ra5+ 60.Kb7 Ra7+ 61.Kb8 Ra8+ 62.Kb7 Ra7+ 63.Kc8 Rxc7+ 64.bxc7= )* 49...Ra3+ 50.Kb2 Rb3+ 51.Kc2 Rc3+ 52.Kb2 Rb3+ 53.Ka2 Rb2+ 54.Ka1 *( 54.Ka3 Rb3+ 55.Ka4 Rb4+ 56.Ka3 Rb3+ 57.Ka2 Rb2+ 58.Ka3 Rb3+=* Decoy *)* 54...Rb1+ 55.Ka2 Rb2+ Double Attack 56.Ka3 Rb3+ 57.Ka2 *( 57.Ka4 Rb4+ 58.Ka5 Rb5+ 59.Ka4 Rb4+ 60.Ka3 Rb3+ 61.Ka4 Rb4+= )* 57...Rb2+= ]
**43...Rxg2 44.c7 Rg1 45.Kc2?** 2.64/18
[ 45.c8R? Rc1+ 46.Kb4 Rxc8-+ ]
[ 45.Rd2 8.18/22 ]
**45...g2 46.Rd2!**
[ 46.c8R? Ra1 47.b7 g1Q-+ *( 47...g1B? 48.b8Q+- )*]
[ 46.c8Q Rf1± ]
**46...Rc1+ 47.Kxc1 g1Q+** KQ-KR
[ 47...g1B 48.b7 *( 48.c8R Bxe3* Pin *49.b7 g3+- )* 48...Bxe3 49.b8Q *( 49.c8B Ba7+- )* 49...g3 50.c8Q *( 50.c8R Bg5* Pin *51.Qxe5 g2 52.Qh2+ Kg4 53.Rg8 g1Q+ 54.Qxg1+ Kf3 55.Qxg5 Kxe4 56.Re8+ Kf3 57.Re3#; 50.Qd8+ Bg5* Pin *51.Kb1 Kg4 52.c8Q+ Kh4 53.Qd3 Bxd2 54.Qf5 Bg5 55.Qe2 Bh6 56.Qfxh5# )* 50...g2 51.Qd8+ Kg4 52.Qbc8+ *( 52.Qg8+ Bg5* Pin *53.Qa7 h4 54.Qe6+ Kf3 55.Qh3+ Kxe4 56.Qa4# )* 52...Kg3 53.Qg8+ Kh4 54.Qcd8+ ]
**48.Kc2 Qxe3 49.c8Q** Inhibits Qc5+. Qd8+ would kill now.
[ 49.c8R? loses. g3 *( 49...Qxb6? 50.Rh2+ Kg5 51.Rg8+ Kf4 52.Rxh5-+; 49...Qxe4+? 50.Kc1-+ )* 50.b7 Qxe4+ 51.Kc1 Qh1+ *( 51...Qxb7? 52.Rcc2-+ )* 52.Rd1 Qxb7 53.Rc4+ Kg5-+ ]
**49...Qxe4+ 50.Kb2 Qb4+**

(Diagram)



**51.Kc1! Qxb6**



**52.Qc2?** 0.01/22
[ 52.Qc3!+- 3.45/23 Qf6 53.Rh2+ Kg5 54.Re2 ]
**52...Qg1+ 53.Rd1 Qg3** 4.02/23
[ 53...Qe3+= 0.01/25 and Black stays safe. 54.Rd2 Qg1+ 55.Qd1 Qc5+ *( 55...Qxd1+ 56.Kxd1 Kg3 57.Ke1± )* 56.Kb1 Qb4+ 57.Ka1 g3 ]
**54.Qd2?** -0.01/28
[ 54.Rh1++- 4.02/23 Kg5 55.Qd2+ Qf4 56.Rf1 Pin Qxd2+ 57.Kxd2 ]
**54...Qf4** And now ...g3 would win.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/ Black=0.71
**55.Rh1+** Loss on time!?
**1-0**

**44** **C78**
□ **blackmoonLilith** **2590**
■ **theblitzchamp** **2692**
Blitz 16.12.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.h3** 0.04/21
[ 9.a4± 0.40/18 ]
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**9...Bb7N**
[ 9...0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 24.Rcd2 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]
**10.a4 Rb8 11.axb5 axb5** The position is equal. **12.Re1 h6** 0.94/22
[ 12...0-0= 0.12/19 ]
**13.Na3± b4** 1.41/23
[ ⌓13...exd4 0.83/19 14.cxd4 *( 14.Nxb5 dxc3 15.Nxc3 0-0= )* 14...Ne7 ]

**14.Nc4 bxc3 15.bxc3**
[ 15.dxe5?! dxe5 16.Qc2 *( 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxd1=; 16.Nfxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxd1=; 16.bxc3 Qxd1 17.Bxd1 Bc5± )* 16...0-0± ]
**15...0-0 16.Nxb6**
[ 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 cxb6± ]
**16...cxb6**

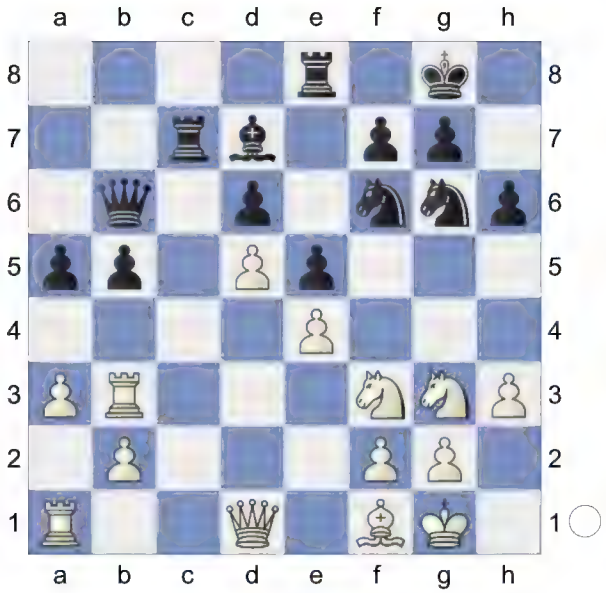
**17.Ba3!** White is more active. **17...exd4** 2.37/22
[ 17...Re8± 1.46/21 ]
**18.cxd4**
[ 18.Nxd4 Na5 ]
**18...Re8 19.Qd3** -0.25/23
[White should play 19.d5+- 2.60/21 Na5 20.Nd2 ]
**19...d5** 1.73/22
[ 19...Na5= -0.25/23 and Black has nothing to worry. ]
**20.exd5+- Rxe1+** 3.68/26
[ 20...Na5± 1.39/23 ]
**21.Rxe1**
[ 21.Nxe1 Nxd5 22.Nf3 Ra8= ]
**21...Nxd5 22.Qf5 Na5 23.Bc2→** 0.47/21 Black needs to defend precisely. This pair of bishops is nice.
[ 23.Re7+- 3.73/25 Nxe7 24.Bxf7+ *( 24.Qxf7+ Kh8∓ )* 24...Kh8 25.Bxe7 ]
**23...g6** 1.97/22
[ 23...Nf6!± 0.47/21 ]
**24.Qg4 Nf6?** 3.92/24
[ 24...Qf6 1.94/21 25.Bc1 Kg7 ]
**25.Qf4** Strongly threatening Be7. Black is weak on the dark squares **25...Nh5** 7.21/24
[ ⌓25...Bxf3 4.00/22 26.Qxf3 Rb7 ]
**26.Qxh6 Bxf3**

**27.Bxg6!**
[ 27.gxf3 Qxd4 28.Bc1 Qc3= ]
**27...fxg6 28.Re7**
[ 28.gxf3 Rb7 *( 28...Qxd4 29.Re7= )* 29.Re6 Nc4 30.Rxg6+ Ng7± ]
[ 28.Qxg6+ Ng7 29.gxf3 *( 29.Re7 Qxd4 30.Qf7+ Kh8± )* 29...Rb7= ]
**28...Qxe7 29.Bxe7 Be4 30.g4**
[ 30.d5 Bc2 31.d6 Rb7+- ]
**30...Re8 31.Bd6**
[Not 31.gxh5 Rxe7 32.Qg5 *( 32.hxg6 Bxg6 33.Kh2 Rg7± )* 32...Rf7± ]
**31...Ng7 32.Be5 Re7 33.Qf4 Bd5** 6.78/25
[ ⌓33...Bb7 4.49/22 34.d5 Bxd5 ]
**34.Qf6 Nc6 35.Qd6**
[ 35.Qxg6 Nxe5 36.dxe5 Rxe5

37.Qxb6 Bf7± ]
**35...Be4** 6.50/24
[ 35...Bf3 3.67/25 36.d5 *( 36.Qxg6 Nxe5 37.dxe5 Rxe5+- )* 36...Rxe5 ]
**36.Bf6?** 0.01/24
[White must play 36.Bxg7+- 6.50/24 Kxg7 37.d5 Bxd5 38.Qxd5 ]
**36...Rf7** 6.67/24
[ 36...Re6= 0.01/24 37.Qf4 Bd5 ]
**37.g5** 2.90/25
[ ⌓37.Bxg7 6.67/24 Kxg7 38.d5 ]
**37...b5?** 6.70/29
[ 37...Kh7 2.90/25 38.d5 Na5 ]
**38.d5 Ne8 39.Qe6 Nxf6 40.gxf6 Nd4 41.Qxe4** White threatens Qe8+ and mate. **41...Nf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=1.64
**42.Qe8+**
**1-0**

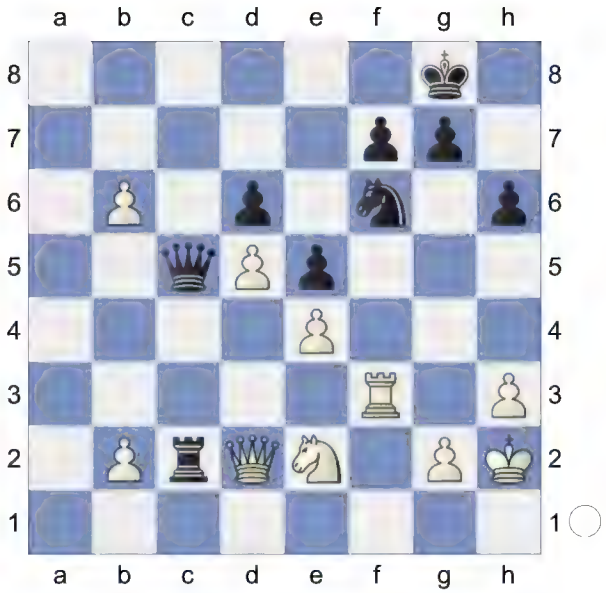
**45** **C78**
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2754**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2782**
Zagreb SuperUnited Blitz (3) 08.07.2023
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.c3 h6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Re1!** 10.Re1 is better than 10.h3. 10.Te1 ist besser als 10.h3. **10...Bb6 11.Nf1** The position is equal. **11...Ne7 12.h3 Ng6 13.Ng3 c5N**
[ 13...Bd7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 c6 16.Be3 Be6 17.Bc2 Ba5 18.Nd2 c5 19.a3 cxd4 20.Bxd4 Rc8 21.Rc1 Re8 22.b4 Bb6 23.Bb2 Ne5 24.Qe2 Bc4 25.Nxc4 Nxc4 26.Bb1 Nd7 27.Nf5 Nde5 28.Kh2 0-1 (62) Sancak,I (1832)-Kocak,M (2036) TUR-ch Seniors 65 2023 (6) Qg5 29.Rcd1 Nxb2 30.Qxb2 Nc4 31.Qa2 g6 32.Ng3 Qf4 33.Re2 h5 34.Kh1 h4 35.Nf1 Re6 36.Bd3 Ne5 37.Bb1 g5 38.Qd2 Qxd2 39.Rexd2 Nc4 40.Ra2 Rf6 41.f3 Re6 42.Rc2 Rd8 43.Rc3 0-1 (62) 2.g3 ♘c6 3.♗g2 g6 4.d3 & (1832)-Gonzalez,B (2036) 59/386 Tilburg 1993 (6) d5 44.Ba2 dxe4 45.Rxd8+ Bxd8 46.fxe4 Rxe4 47.g3 Bf6 48.Rf3 Be5 49.gxh4 gxh4 50.Bxc4 bxc4 51.Re3 Rf4 52.Nd2 c3 53.Nb3 f6 54.Re2 Rf3 55.a4 Rxh3+ 56.Kg2 Rh2+ 57.Kf3 Rxe2 58.Kxe2 0-1 (62) 2.g3 ♘c6 3.♗g2 g6 4.d3 ♗ (1832)-Gonzalez,B (2036) 59/386 Tilburg 1993 (6) ]
**14.Be3 Re8**
[ 14...d5!? ]
**15.d4 Bb7** 0.43/24
[ 15...exd4= -0.01/20 16.cxd4 Bb7 ]
**16.Bc2N** -0.11/24
[Predecessor: 16.d5 c4 ...Bxe3 is the strong threat. 17.Bc2 Nd7 18.b3 cxb3 19.axb3 Rc8 20.c4 0.01/23 *( 20.Bd2!± 0.58/21 )* 20...bxc4= 21.bxc4 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 Threatening Ba4. Rxc4 0-1 Kasimdzhanov,R (2670)-Mamedyarov,S (2757) Shusha Blitz 2022 (15) ]
[ 16.dxe5± 0.43/24 dxe5 17.Qxd8 Raxd8 18.Bc2 ]
**16...cxd4**
[ 16...exd4 looks sharper. 17.cxd4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.dxc5 Ba5 ]
**17.cxd4 Rc8 18.d5 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 a5 20.Bd3 Qb6 21.a3** 0.01/23
[ 21.a4± 0.46/21 ]
**21...Rc7= 22.Bf1 Bc8 23.Rb3 Bd7** 0.45/22
[ 23...Rc5= 0.03/23 ]

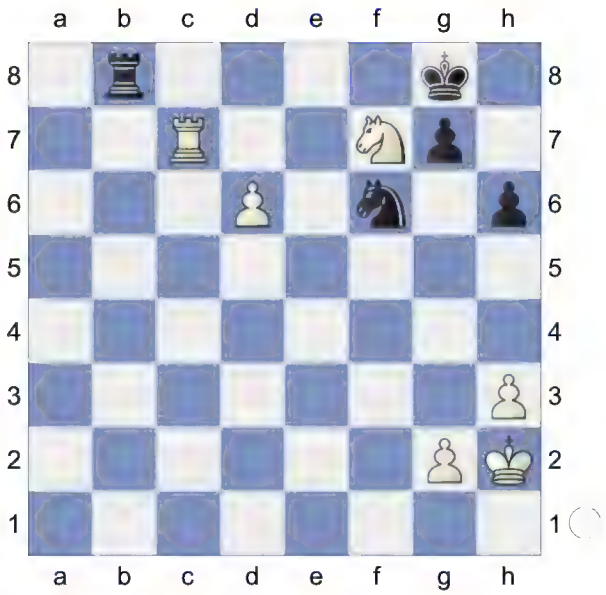


**24.Bxb5!± Bxb5 25.a4 Rc5 26.axb5 Rec8 27.Qd2** 0.24/22
[ 27.Nd2± 0.66/22 was preferable. ]
**27...Rc4?** 4.40/26
[ 27...Rxb5= 0.24/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 28.Rxb5 Qxb5 ]
**28.Qxa5+-**
[ 28.Rxa5 Rc1+ 29.Kh2 R8c2 30.Ra8+ Kh7± ]
**28...Rc1+ 29.Kh2 Qxf2** ( -> ...Nh4!)
**30.Rxc1! Rxc1 31.Qd2! Qc5**
[ 31...Qxg3+ 32.Kxg3 Nxe4+ 33.Kh2 Nxd2 34.Nxd2+- ]
**32.b6 Nh4** ( -> ...Nxf3+) **33.Ne2!**
[ 33.Nxh4? Qg1# ]
**33...Nxf3+ 34.Rxf3 Rc2**

(Diagram)



**35.b4!** 0.22/26 **Rxd2=**
[Avoid the trap 35...Qc4? 36.Rc3 Rxd2 37.Rxc4 Rxe2 38.b7+- ]
**36.bxc5 dxc5** Endgame KRN-KRN
**37.Nc1 c4** Wards off Nd3
[ 37...Nxe4? too greedy. 38.b7 Kh7 39.b8Q+- *( 39.b8B f6± )*]
**38.Rc3 Rb2 39.Rxc4 Rxb6 40.Nd3 Nd7 41.Rc7 Nf6 42.Nxe5** Hoping for Nc4. **42...Nxe4 43.Nxf7 Nf6?** 6.41/26
[ 43...Rf6= 0.26/25 44.Ne5 Rd6 ]
**44.d6+- Rb8**

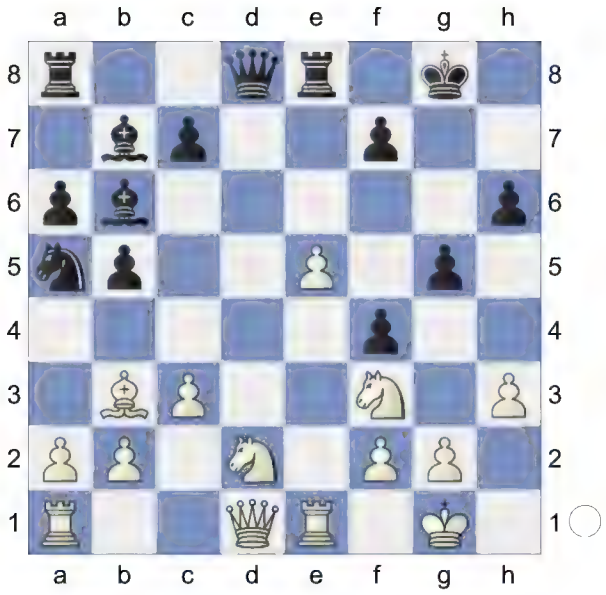


Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very

precise) /Black=0.45
**45.d7!**
**1-0**

**46** **C78**
□ **behrooz10000** **2572**
■ **theblitzchamp** **2737**
Blitz 10.11.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

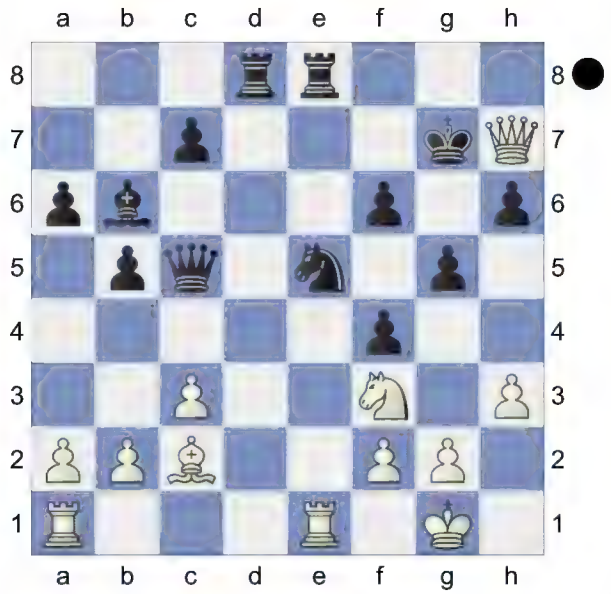
Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Re1N**
[ 9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana, F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**9...0-0 10.h3 Bb7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3** The position is equal.
[ 13.Nxg5 keeps more tension. hxg5 14.Bxg5 Kg7 15.Bd5 ]
**13...Re8 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Nbd2 Nh5 16.Bh2 Nf4** Prevents Qe2. **17.Bxf4 exf4** 0.90/21
[ 17...gxf4± 0.43/21 should be considered. 18.Bd5 Qf6 ]
**18.e5± Na5**



**19.Bc2** 0.25/23
[ 19.e6!± 1.23/21 Nxb3 20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Rxe8 Qxe8 22.Qxb3+ Kg7 23.c4 ]
**19...Qe7** 2.17/19
[ 19...Bxf3= 0.25/23 20.Nxf3 Qxd1 21.Raxd1 Rad8 ]
**20.Ne4+- Bxe4 21.Bxe4**
[ 21.Rxe4?! Nc4± ]
**21...Rad8 22.Qe2 Nc4** 2.32/21
[ 22...Kg7 1.70/19 23.Qc2 c5 ]
**23.Bc2** And now Qe4 would win. **23...f6** 2.78/20
[ 23...Qe6± 1.57/20 is a better defense. ]
**24.Bb3 Qc5?** 4.78/21
[ 24...fxe5 1.68/22 is tougher. 25.Bxc4+ *( 25.Nxe5 Kg7± )* 25...bxc4 ]
**25.Qe4 Kg7** 7.77/23 Wards off Qg6+
[ 25...Qxf2+? 26.Kh1 f5 *( 26...Qxb2? 27.Qg6+ Kf8 28.exf6+- )* 27.Qxf5+- *( 27.Bxc4+ bxc4 28.Qxf5 Re7+- )*]
[ ⌓25...Qe7 4.59/20 26.a4 *( 26.Bxc4+ bxc4 27.Qxc4+ Qe6+- )* 26...Kg7 27.Bxc4 bxc4 ]
**26.Bc2**
[Less strong is 26.exf6+ Kxf6 27.Qh7

Rh8± ]

**26...Nxe5 27.Qh7+**



Deflection **27...Kf8** ...Nxf3+ would now be deadly. **28.Qxh6+ Ke7 29.Nxe5** White threatens Qg7+ and mate. **29...fxe5** Black is weak on the light squares **30.Qg7+ Ke6 31.Bb3+** 8.81/24

[ ⌓31.Rad1 32.99/25 Qxf2+ 32.Kh1 Qxe1+ 33.Rxe1 ]

**31...Kd6 32.Qg6+**

[ 32.Qxg5 Qxf2+ 33.Kh1 Kc6= ]

**32...Kd7 33.Qf5+**

[ 33.Qxg5 Qxf2+ 34.Kh2 Kc8= ]

**33...Kc6 34.Qe4+**

[Stronger than 34.Qxg5 Qxf2+ 35.Kh1 Kb7∓ *( 35...Qxb2 36.Bf7= )*]

**34...Kd7 35.Rad1+ Ke7 36.Qh7+ Kf6 37.Qh6+ Kf5 38.Qh7+?** -0.01/5

[ 38.g4+ #3/8 mates fxg3 39.Qh7+ Kf6 40.Qf7# ]

**38...Kf6=**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=1.56

**39.Qf7#**

**1-0**

**47** **C78**

□ **SajMor3000** **2586**

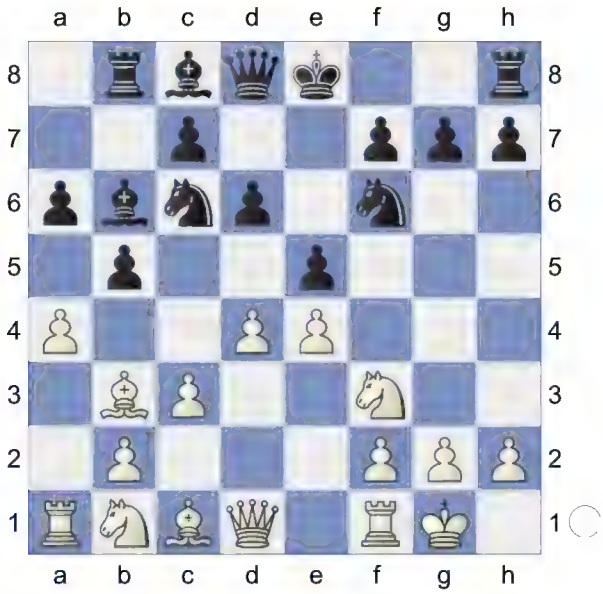
■ **Consent_to_treatment** **2669**

Blitz 19.02.2025

*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6!**



**10.a5!**

[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.h3!** Repels Bg4 **11...0-0**

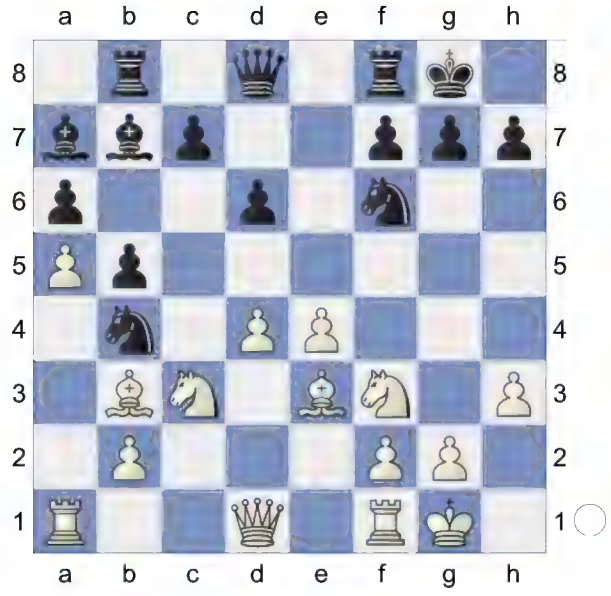
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G

(2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]

**12.Be3** White has an edge. **12...exd4N**
[ 12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Nc3** Hoping for e5.

**14...Bb7!**



**15.Bg5** 0.01/24
[White should try 15.e5!± 0.75/20 Nfd5 16.Bd2 ]

**15...h6 16.Bh4 c5! 17.e5** -0.39/21
[ 17.Bd5!= 0.24/21 ]

**17...dxe5∓**
[ 17...g5 feels hotter. 18.Bg3 Nh5 19.Nh2 Ng7 ]

**18.dxe5 Qxd1** 0.01/24
[ 18...g5∓ -0.64/21 19.Nxg5 Qxd1 *( 19...hxg5 20.Bxg5* Pin *Qxd1 21.Raxd1∓ )* 20.Raxd1 hxg5 21.Bxg5 Nh5 ]

**19.Raxd1= Bxf3** 0.58/22
[ 19...Nh5= -0.01/24 20.Be7 Rfe8 ]

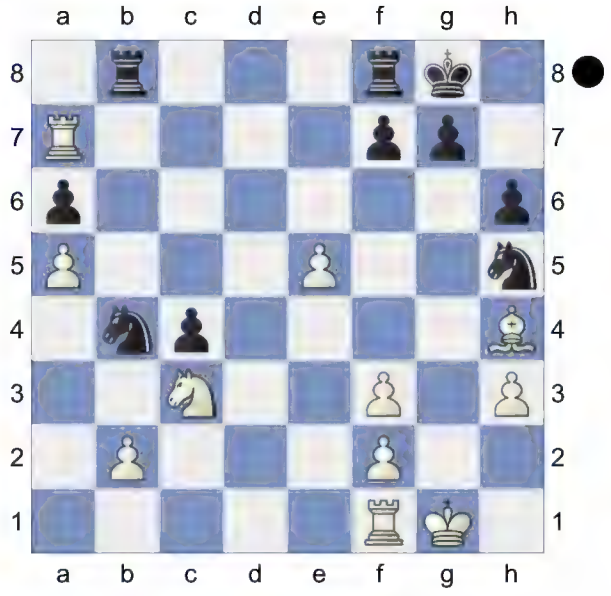
**20.gxf3± Nh5** 0.73/25
[ 20...c4 21.exf6 cxb3 22.fxg7+- ]
[ 20...g5= 0.28/25 deserves consideration. ]

**21.Rd7**
[ 21.Be7!? Rfe8 22.Bd6= ]

**21...c4?** 2.16/25
[ 21...g5!± 0.40/21 ]

**22.Bxc4?** -0.53/21
[Only move: 22.Be7!+- 2.16/25 Nc6 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Bc2 *( 24.Rc7 Nxa5 25.Rxa7 cxb3+- )*]

**22...bxc4∓ 23.Rxa7**



**Rfe8! 24.Bg3 Nxg3 25.fxg3 Rxe5 26.Rc7 Nd3 27.Rxc4 Rxb2 28.Rd4 Ne1** -0.18/22 Black has more active pieces.
[Better is 28...Nb4∓ -0.90/21 29.Rd8+ Kh7 ]

Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
**29.Rf2?** -4.04/24
[ 29.Re4= -0.18/22 and White is okay. Rxe4 *( 29...Rxa5? loses. 30.Rfxe1 Kh7 31.Ra4+- )* 30.Nxe4 ]
**29...Rb3-+ 30.Rc4 Re3 31.Nd5 Nxf3+ 32.Kg2 Ne1+ 33.Kf1 Re5 34.Rc3** -4.46/24 Dodges Nd3
[ ⌓34.Nb6 -3.11/21 Nd3 *( 34...Rxg3 35.Rc8+ Kh7 36.Nd7= )* 35.Rc8+ Kh7 36.Nd7 Re1+ *( 36...Rxa5 37.Nf8+ Kg8 38.Nd7+ Kh7 39.Nf8+ Kg8 40.Nd7+ Kh7= )* 37.Kg2 ]
**34...Rb1 35.Ne3** -8.75/23
[ ⌓35.Nb6 -4.37/23 Rd1 *( 35...Rxa5 36.Nc4-+; 35...Nd3+? 36.Kg2-+ )* 36.Kg1 ]
**35...Nd3+ 36.Kg2 Rxe3 37.Rc8+ Kh7** ( -> ...Ne1+) **38.Rd2 Rb2 39.Rcc2 Rxc2 40.Rxc2** Endgame KRN-KR **40...Re5 41.Rd2 Nb4 42.Kf2 Rf5+ 43.Kg2 Rxa5** ...Ra2 is the strong threat. **44.Rd7 Ra2+ 45.Kf3 a5 46.Rd4 f6 47.h4 Nc6 48.Rd2 Ne5+** -33.19/34
[ ⌓48...Rxd2 -#18/34 49.g4 Nd4+ 50.Ke4 a4 51.g5 a3 *( 51...fxg5? 52.Kd5-+ )* 52.gxf6 gxf6 53.Ke3 Nb3 54.h5 a2 55.Kf4 a1Q *( 55...a1B 56.Ke4 Be5 57.Kf3 f5 58.Ke3 Bf6 59.Kf3 Nd4+ 60.Kf4 Kg7 61.Kg3 Be5+ 62.Kh4 Rh2# )* 56.Kf5 Qe5+ 57.Kg4 f5+ 58.Kh4 Qh2# ]
**49.Ke4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.90/ Black=0.40
**49...Rxd2**
**0-1**

**48** **C78**
□ **Thomas0810** **2584**
■ **Ex-retired** **2671**
Blitz 18.02.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.Re1N**
[ 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
[ 7.d3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.axb5 axb5 10.h3 h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Ne2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ke7 17.Qe1 Rhg8 18.Qh4 Rg6 19.Rxf6 1-0 Gregersen, E (1894)-Saliba,K (1570) Reykjavik op 2023 (1) ]
**7...0-0 8.c3 d6 9.h3 h6** 0.41/21
[ 9...Bb6= 0.00/19 ]
**10.a4 Rb8 11.axb5 axb5 12.d4** The position is equal. **12...Bb6 13.Na3 Ba5 14.d5** 0.16/20
[ 14.dxe5± 0.72/20 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Qe2 ]

**14...Ne7= 15.Nc2 c5 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.Ne3 b4 18.Bd2** -0.94/23
[ 18.Qc2= -0.18/20 remains equal. ]
**18...bxc3 19.bxc3 Nxe4 20.Bd5 Nxd2 21.Qxd2** -1.15/21
[ White should try 21.Nxd2∓ -0.70/22 Ne7 22.Ne4 ]
**21...Ne7∓ 22.Nc4** -2.02/22
[ 22.Red1∓ -0.97/18 ]
**22...Bc7-+ 23.Ne3 Bb6 24.c4 Bxe3 25.Rxe3 Nxd5 26.Qxd5 Be6 27.Qd3 Qc7 28.Nd2 Rfd8 29.Qc3 Rbc8 30.Rc1** -2.53/19
[ 30.Qb2∓ -1.45/18 ]
**30...f6 31.Rg3 Kf8** -1.23/20
[ 31...Kh7-+ -2.53/19 has better winning chances. 32.Qc2+ f5 ]
**32.Qd3 d5** -1.17/22
[ ⌓32...f5 -1.56/20 33.Qe2 Bd7 ]
**33.Qh7∓ Qf7**
[ 33...dxc4 34.Qh8+ Bg8 35.Rxc4= ]
**34.c5 Rc7** -0.15/24
[ 34...g5∓ -0.82/20 35.Qc2 *( 35.Qxh6+ Ke7-+ )* 35...Rc6 ]
**35.Nf3= Qg8** -0.13/18
[ 35...g5∓ -0.65/23 36.Qh8+ *( 36.Qxh6+? Qg7-+ )* 36...Ke7 37.Qxh6 Rg8 ]
**36.Qg6 Rdc8 37.Nxe5?** -3.41/27
**fxe5-+ 38.Rf3+ Bf7?** 0.06/21
[ 38...Ke7-+ -3.00/27 39.Qg3 Rxc5 40.Rxc5 Rxc5 41.Qxe5 Rc6 ]
**39.Qd6+= Re7**
[ 39...Ke8 seems wilder. 40.Rf5 Rc6 41.Rxe5+ Be6 ]
**40.c6** White has compensation.
**40...Ke8?** 7.64/25
[ 40...e4= 0.01/23 41.Rf4 g5 ]
**41.Re3??** -2.52/20
[ 41.Rb1!+- 7.64/25 ]

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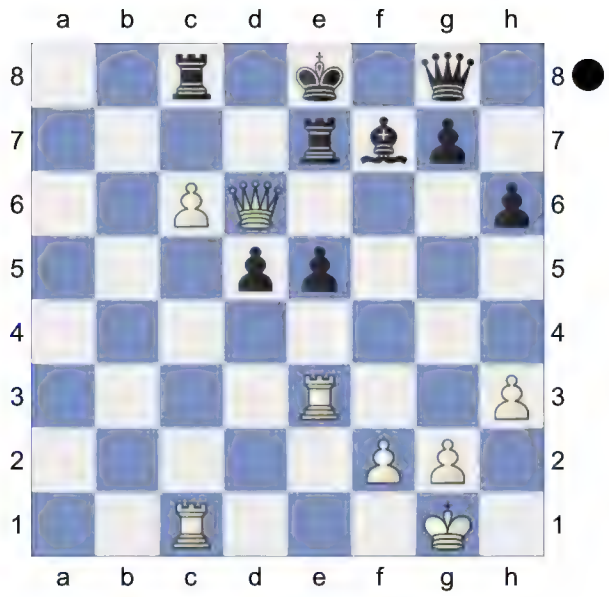


**41...e4!-+ 42.Rb3 g5?** 0.10/25
[ Black should play 42...Be6-+ -3.05/22 And now ...Qf7 would win. 43.Rb8 Rxb8 44.Qxb8+ Kf7 45.Qf4+ Kg6 ]
**43.Rb8→** White has some attack.
**43...Be6 44.Rcb1** Strongly threatening R1b7. **44...Qf7 45.Rxc8+ Bxc8 46.Rb8! Qf5 47.c7?** -5.41/24
[ 47.g4!= -0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry. Qe6 48.Qxe6 Remove Defender Rxe6 49.Rxc8+ Ke7 50.c7 ]
**47...Kf7 48.Qd8?** -8.18/26
[ 48.g4 -3.38/22 Qe6 49.Qxe6+ Bxe6 50.c8Q Bxc8 51.Rxc8 ]

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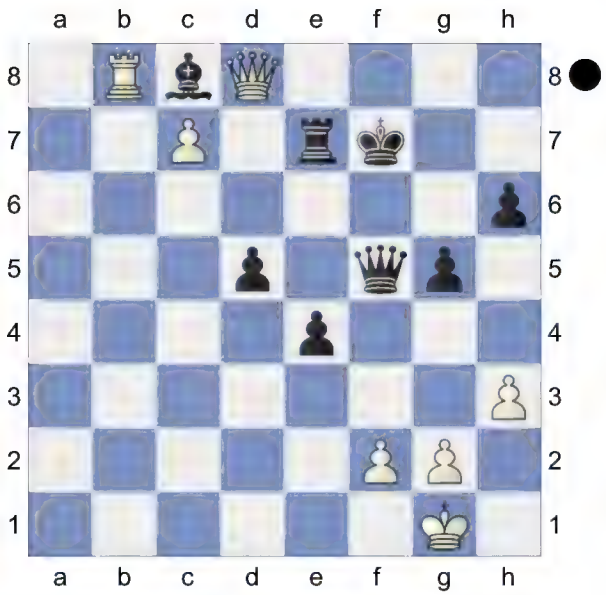
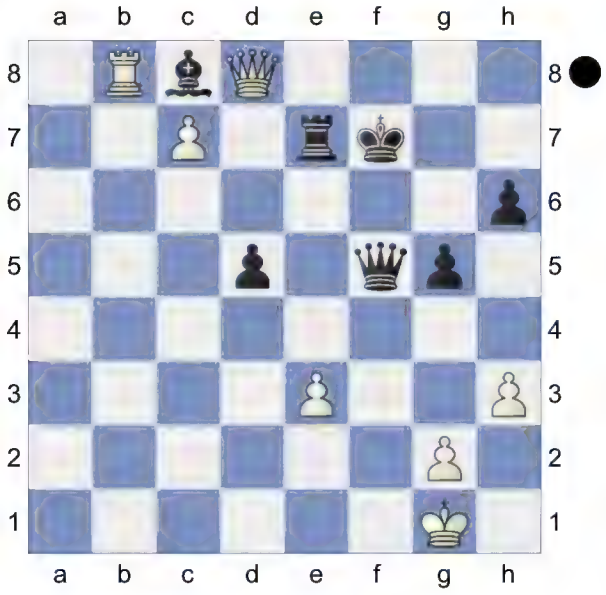


**48...e3! 49.fxe3**



**Rxe3! 50.Rb1**
[ 50.Qd6 Re2 ]

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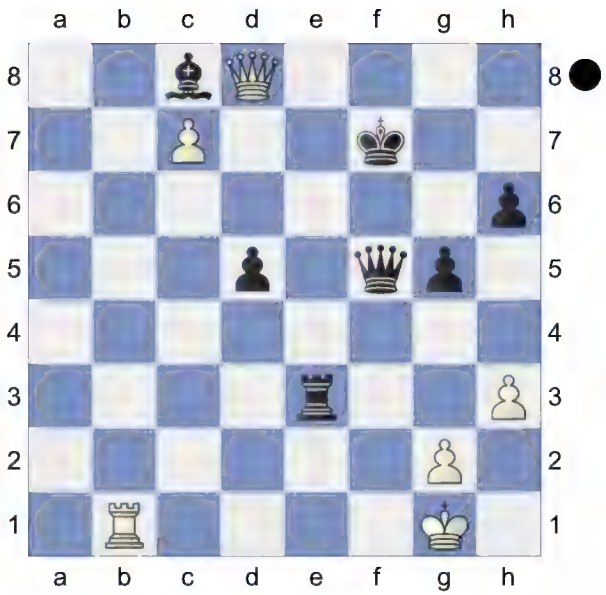

Dodges Re1+ **50...Re1+??** 8.78/5
**51.Kh2??** -#2/6
[ 51.Rxe1+- 8.78/5 Qe6 52.Rxe6 Bxe6 53.c8Q *( 53.c8B Bxc8 54.Qxc8 Kf6+- )* 53...Bxc8 54.Qxc8 ]
**51...Qf4+ 52.g3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.64
**52...Qf2#**
**0-1**

**49** **C78**
□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2658**
■ **Iniyan,Panneerselvam** **2573**
Asia-ch Al Ain (3) 09.05.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6**

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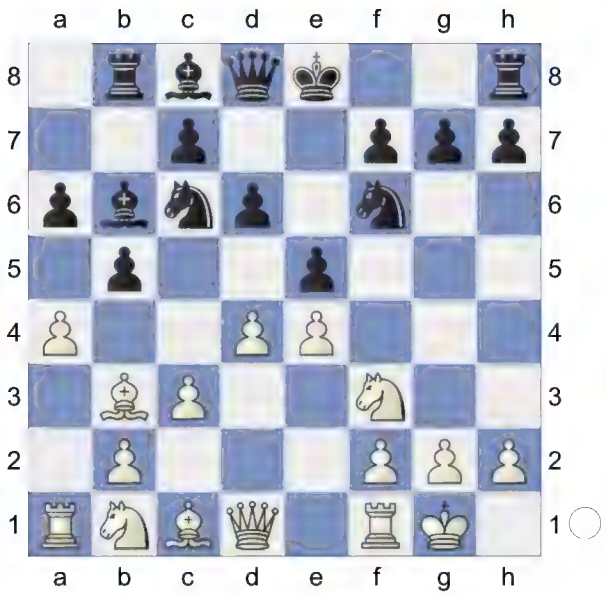


**10.a5!**

[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.Be3N** -0.20/21

[ ⌓11.h3 0.19/22 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**11...Bg4!= 12.Nbd2!** 12.Nbd2 is better than 12.dxe5.12.Sbd2 ist besser als 12.dxe5. **12...exd4 13.cxd4** Black must now prevent e5. **13...0-0! 14.Qe1 Re8** 0.04/22

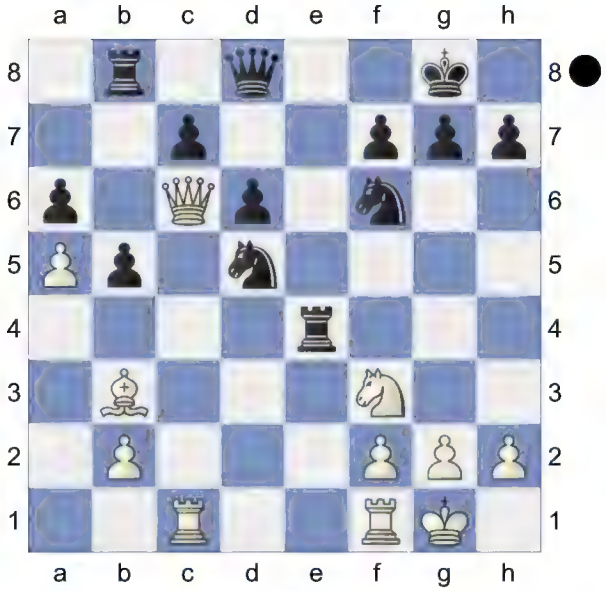
[ 14...Nb4∓ -0.33/22 ]

**15.d5** -0.33/26

[ 15.Qc1= 0.04/22 Ne7 16.Re1 ]

**15...Bxf3N**

[ 15...Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Rxe4 18.Qc3 -0.53/22 *( 18.Qd2!=* -0.05/22 deserves consideration. *Ne7 19.Rfd1 )* 18...Ne7∓ 19.Rac1! Nexd5 20.Qc6 -1.38/23 *( ⌓20.Qd2* -0.72/23 *Nf4 21.Bxf7+ Kf8 22.Kh1 )*



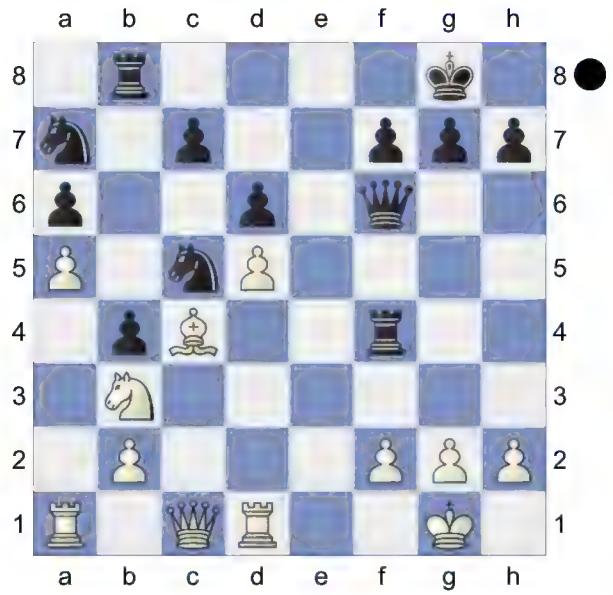
20...Nb4!∓ 21.Qxc7 Qxc7 22.Rxc7 1-0 (51) Lorparizangeneh,S (2497)-Carbone,D (2272) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Jan blitz 2022 (11) ]

**16.Bxa7** -0.70/25

[ ⌓16.Nxf3 -0.31/25 Bxe3 17.fxe3 ]

**16...Nxa7∓ 17.Nxf3 Nxe4 18.Qc1 Nc5** -0.32/22

[ 18...Rc8∓ -0.78/21 19.Re1 c5 ]
**19.Ba2 b4 20.Bc4 Qf6 21.Rd1** -1.47/24
[ 21.Qd2∓ -0.60/21 ]
**21...Re4 22.Nd2** -2.12/23
[ 22.Bf1∓ -1.27/21 ]
**22...Rf4-+ 23.Nb3**



**Rxf2** -0.57/27
[Black should play 23...Nxb3!-+ -2.07/22 24.Bxb3 Nb5 *( 24...Rxf2 25.Qe3± )*]
**24.Nxc5∓ dxc5 25.Qe3 Rc2 26.Rac1 Qxb2**
[ 26...Rxb2 27.d6 Qg6 *( 27...cxd6? 28.Rf1± )* 28.Bd5 cxd6 *( 28...Qxd6? 29.Bxf7+* Discovered Attack *Kxf7 30.Rxd6+- )* 29.Rf1± ]
**27.Rxc2 Qxc2 28.Rc1 Qg6 29.Qxc5 Nb5** Hoping for ...Qe4. **30.Qxb4 h5 31.Bf1 Qg5 32.Rxc7 Re8** Against Re7
[But not 32...Qxd5?! 33.Rxf7 Kh7 *( 33...Qxf7?* too greedy. *34.Bc4+-* Pin *)* 34.Qb1+ Kh6 35.Qc1+ Kh7 36.Qc2+ Kh6 37.Qc1+ Kh7 38.Re7± ]
**33.Rc2** The position is equal. **33...Qxd5 34.Qc5 Qd4+ 35.Qxd4 Nxd4 36.Rc5 Nb3 37.Rxh5 Re1 38.Kf2 Ra1 39.Bxa6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
**39...Rxa5**
½-½

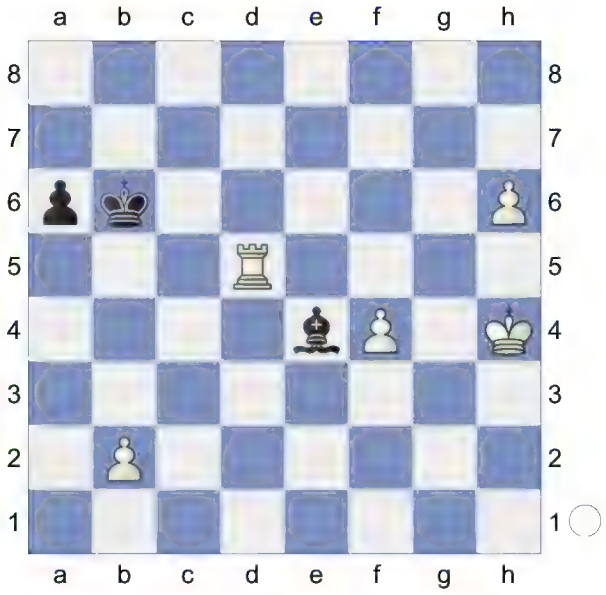
**50** **C78**
□ **zinner_override** **2595**
■ **DrawDenied_Twitch** **2780**
Rapid 01.03.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 8min C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.Re1N** 0.04/20
[ 7.a4± 0.46/20 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
[ 7.d3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.axb5 axb5 10.h3 h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Ne2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ke7 17.Qe1 Rhg8 18.Qh4 Rg6 19.Rxf6 1-0 Gregersen, E (1894)-Saliba,K (1570) Reykjavik op

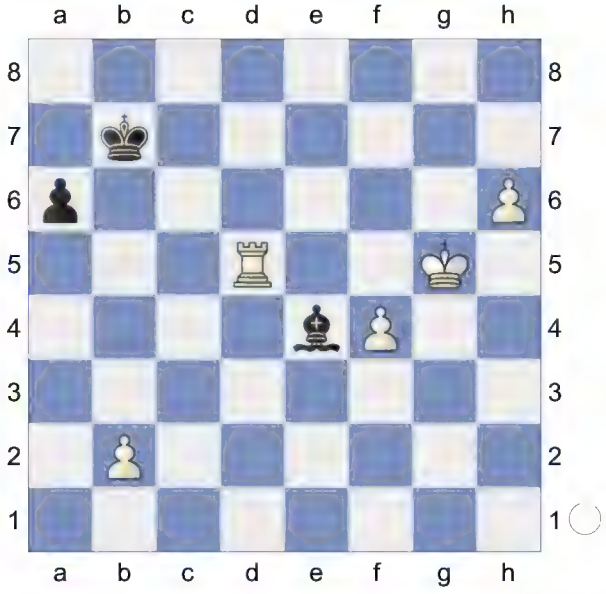
2023 (1) ]
**7...d6=** **8.h3** **Na5** **9.c3** **Nxb3** The position is equal. **10.axb3** **Bb6** **11.d4** **0-0** **12.Bg5** **h6** **13.Bh4** **Qe7** **14.Nbd2** **c5** 0.66/20
[ 14...Bb7= -0.01/18 ]
**15.d5** -0.26/21
[ 15.dxe5± 0.66/20 dxe5 16.b4 ]
**15...g5** **16.Nxg5** **hxg5** **17.Bxg5** **c4?** 2.66/22 **18.bxc4** **Kg7** **19.cxb5** **Qa7** 2.86/20
[ 19...Kg6 1.63/19 ]
**20.Be3** **Rg8** 3.57/20
[ ⌓20...Bxe3 2.26/19 21.Rxe3 Rh8 ]
**21.Nc4+-** **Bxe3** **22.Rxe3** **Qc5** **23.Qb3** 1.31/21
[ 23.Rg3++- 3.22/19 Kf8 24.Rxg8+ Kxg8 25.Qe2 ]
**23...Rb8** 2.46/23
[ 23...Nxe4± 1.31/21 24.Rxe4 Qxd5 ]
**24.b6**
[ 24.Rg3+ Kf8 25.Rxg8+ Kxg8± ]
**24...Bd7**

**25.Qb4?** 0.21/25
[ 25.Rxa6 Bb5 26.Rg3+ Kf8 27.Rxg8+ Kxg8∓ ]
[ 25.Qa3!+- 2.07/20 ]
**25...Qxb4=** Remove Defender **26.cxb4** **Kf8** **27.Rc3?** -2.42/21
[ 27.Rxa6 Bb5 28.Rea3 Bxc4= ]
[ 27.Kh2± 0.58/20 stays ahead. ]
**27...Nxe4-+** **28.Re3** **Nf6** **29.Nxd6** -3.40/23
[ 29.b5 -2.17/21 keeps fighting. axb5 *( 29...Nxd5 30.bxa6 Nxe3 31.a7±; 29...Bxb5 30.Nxd6 Nxd5 31.Rxe5∓ )* 30.Nxd6 Nxd5 *( 30...Rxb6? 31.Ra8+ Ke7* Discovered Attack *32.Nf5+* Decoy *Bxf5 33.Rxe5+ Kd6 34.Rxf5-+; 30...Ke7 31.Nf5+* Decoy *Bxf5 32.Rxe5+ Kf8 33.Rxf5= )* 31.Rxe5 ]
**29...Rxb6?** -0.57/19
[ 29...Nxd5-+ -3.40/23 30.Rxe5 Nf4 *( 30...Nxb6 31.Rh5∓; 30...Nxb4 31.b7∓ )*]
**30.Nc4∓** **Rxb4** **31.Nxe5** **Bb5**
[ 31...Rxb2? 32.Rxa6 Bxh3 *( 32...Nxd5? 33.Nxd7+ Kg7 34.Rg3+ Kh7 35.Rf3+-; 32...Rb1+? 33.Kh2+- )* 33.Ra8+ *( 33.Rxh3 Rg5+- )* 33...Kg7 34.Rg3++- ]
**32.Rc1!** **Rd4**
[ 32...Nxd5 33.Rc8+ Ke7 34.Nc6+ *( 34.Rxg8 Nxe3 35.fxe3 Rxb2± )* 34...Kd6 35.Rxg8∓ ]
**33.Rc8+** **Kg7** **34.Rg3+** **Kh7** **35.Rcxg8** White threatens R3g7+ and mate.
**35...Nxg8**
[ 35...Rd1+ feels hotter. 36.Kh2 Nxg8 37.Nxf7 Rxd5 ]
**36.Nxf7** **Rxd5** **37.Ng5+** **Kg7** **38.h4** **Kf8** **39.Ne6+** **Ke7** **40.Rxg8=** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is 3 pawns up. **40...Rd1+** **41.Kh2** **Kxe6** KRB-KR **42.h5** **Kf7** Inhibits h6. **43.Rg5** **Bd3** **44.f4** **Be4** **45.Kg3** -0.21/23
[ ⌓45.Re5 0.23/22 Ba8 46.b3 ]
**45...Rd2** **46.Kh4** -1.35/23
[ 46.Kh3= -0.20/23 keeps the balance. ]

**46...Bxg2** -0.36/22 Black is much more active.
[ 46...Rxg2∓ -1.35/23 47.Rxg2 Bxg2 ]
**47.h6** -1.11/24
[ 47.Rf5+!∓ -0.36/22 Kg7 48.Rg5+ Kh7 49.b3 ]
**47...Bf3** -0.21/23
[ 47...Rxb2∓ -1.11/24 48.h7 Be4 49.h8N+ Kf6 ]
**48.Kg3** -0.65/25
[ 48.h7= -0.21/23 Be4 49.h8N+ *( 49.h8R? Rh2+ Skewer 50.Kg3 Rxh8-+ )* 49...Kf6 50.Ra5 ]
**48...Be4** -0.25/23
[ 48...Bc6!∓ -0.65/25 was preferable. 49.Rg7+ Kf6 ]
**49.Kh4?** -4.19/22
[ 49.Rg7+= -0.25/23 Kf8 50.Ra7 ]
**49...Rd3?** -0.25/23
[ 49...Rxb2 50.Re5 Bb7 51.f5-+ ]
[ 49...Rh2+-+ -4.19/22 50.Kg4 Rxh6 ]
**50.Rg3?** -6.51/26
[ 50.Rg7+= -0.25/23 Ke6 *( 50...Kf6? 51.Ra7∓ )* 51.Ra7 *( 51.h7? Rd1∓ )*]
**50...Rd4?** -0.27/22
[ 50...Rxg3-+ -6.51/26 51.Kxg3 a5 *( 51...Kg6? 52.Kf2-+ )*]
**51.Rg4** -1.47/24
[ 51.Rg7+!= -0.27/22 Kf8 52.Ra7 ]
**51...Ke6** 0.01/21
[Black should play 51...Rd1∓ -1.47/24 ...Rh1+ is the strong threat. 52.Rg7+ Kf6 ]
**52.Kg5** -1.45/24
[ 52.f5+!= 0.01/21 Kxf5 53.h7 ]
**52...Kd6?** 2.29/26
[ 52...Rd8∓ -1.45/24 53.Rg3 Rg8+ 54.Kh4 Rxg3 55.Kxg3 Bc2 ]
**53.Kh4?** -0.74/21
[ 53.f5+- 2.29/26 Strongly threatening h7. Ke5 54.h7 ]
**53...Kc7?** 6.10/21
[ 53...Bf5 54.Rg7 Rd1 *( 54...Rxf4+ 55.Kg5∓ )* 55.Rb7 *( 55.Kg5? Ke6-+ )*]
[ 53...Bc2∓ -0.74/21 54.Kg5 Rd5+ 55.Kf6 Rf5+ 56.Kg7 Ke7 ]
**54.Rg5?** 0.01/21
[White must play 54.f5!+- 6.10/21 ]
**54...Rd5?** 11.20/25
[ 54...Bb1= 0.01/21 ]
**55.Rxd5+- Kb6**



**56.Kg5! Kb7**
[ 56...Bxd5 57.h7 ]



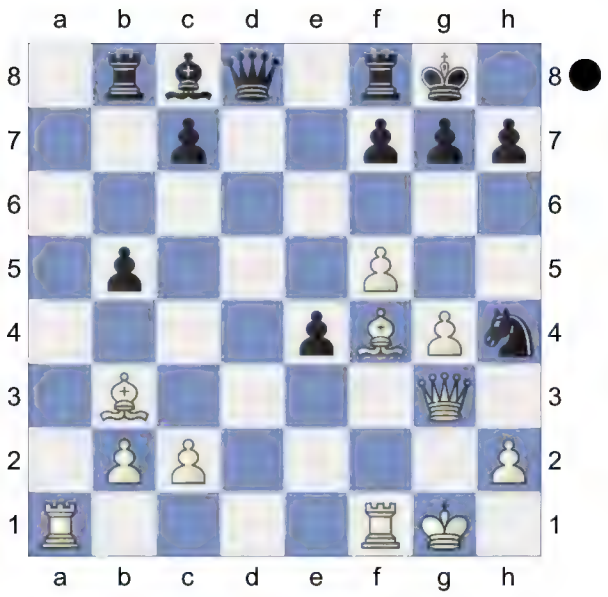
**57.Kf6** 10.14/22 Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.11/ Black=1.18
**57...Kb6** Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
**0-1**

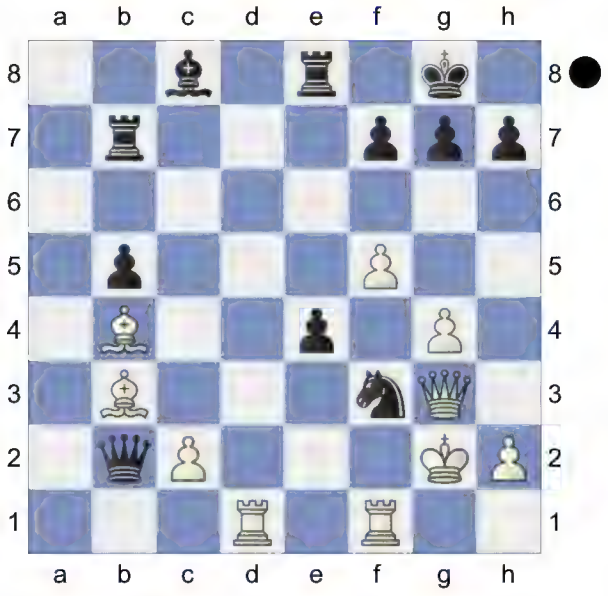
**51** **C78**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2741**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2764**
Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late bl..
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4** The modern move. Der moderne Zug.
**7...Rb8 8.Nxe5N** Deflection
[ 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 *( 12.f4 Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6* Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 *)* 12...c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8...Nxe5 9.d4 Bxd4!** White has an edge. **10.Qxd4 d6 11.f4 Nc6 12.Qc3 Ne7 13.Qe1!?** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
**13...0-0 14.axb5 axb5 15.e5 Nfd5 16.Nc3N**
[Vorgänger: 16.f5 f6 would now be deadly. dxe5 17.Qxe5 White wants to play Nc3. Nf6 18.Bf4 Nxf5 19.Nc3 Qd4+ 20.Qxd4 Nxd4 21.Bxc7 Rb7 22.Be5 Nxb3 23.cxb3 ½-½ (55) Baklan,V (2619)-Sevian,S (2591) Monzon 2016 ]
**16...Nxc3 17.Qxc3** -0.60/24
[ 17.exd6= -0.01/23 cxd6 18.Qxc3 *( 18.bxc3 Nf5∓ )*]
**17...Nf5** -0.01/22
[ 17...c5!∓ -0.60/24 ]
**18.g4 Nh4 19.f5 dxe5 20.Qg3 e4 21.Bf4** -1.00/22
[ 21.Be3= -0.26/21 keeps the balance. ]

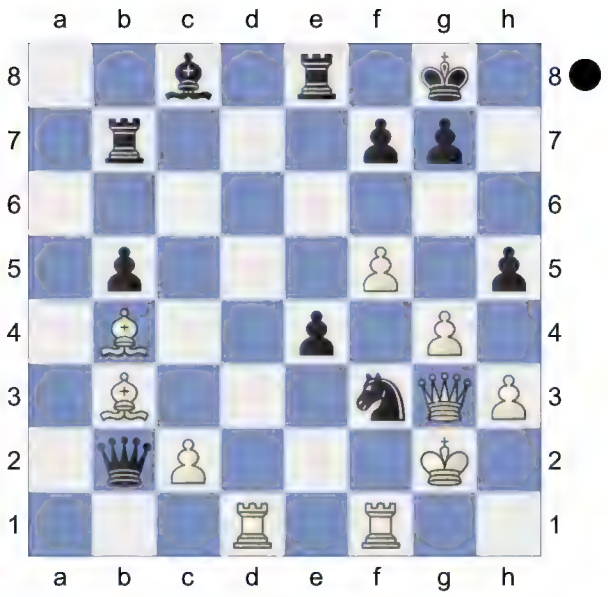
(Diagram)



**21...Nf3+** -0.02/20
[ 21...Bb7!∓ -1.00/22 ...Nf3+ would now be deadly. 22.Kf2 Nf3 ]
**22.Kg2= Qd4?** 1.06/23
[ 22...Qf6!∓ -0.55/20 keeps the upper hand. ]
**23.Rad1** -0.43/24
[ 23.c3± 1.06/23 Qf6 24.Bxc7 ]
**23...Qxb2∓ 24.Bxc7 Rb7 25.Bd6** -0.64/22
[ 25.Rd5!= -0.01/22 ]
**25...Re8! 26.Bb4**



**h5! 27.h3**

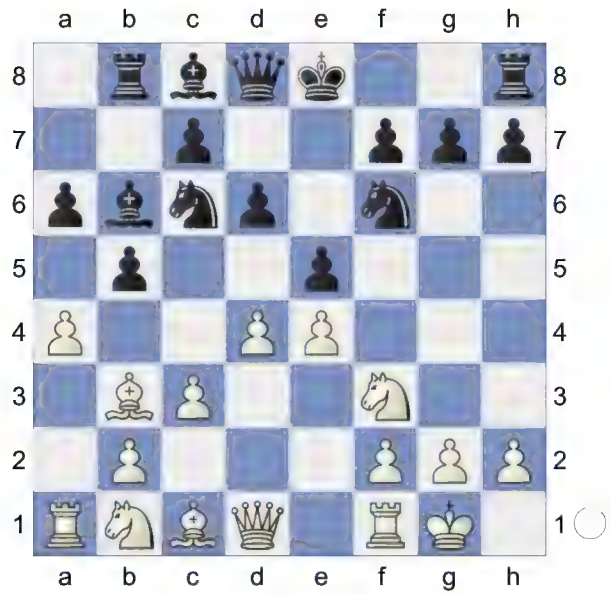


**Bd7** -0.10/23
[ Black should try 27...Qf6!∓ -0.89/21 ]
**28.Qd6=** Dodges Rb6. Really sharp!
**28...Qe5 29.Qxe5 Rxe5** 0.36/23
[ 29...Nxe5= -0.13/22 30.Kg3 hxg4 31.hxg4 e3 ]
**30.Kg3± Re8! 31.Kf4** White has compensation. **31...Bc6?** 2.35/24
[ 31...Ne5± 0.36/21 ]
**32.Rd6+- Rc7 33.g5** 1.45/20
[ White should try 33.Ba5+- 2.43/22 Rcc8 34.gxh5 ]
This move loses the game for Black.
**33...Kh8?** 7.28/22
[ 33...Ne5± 1.45/20 ]
**34.Rfd1** White is clearly winning.
**34...Bb7** 10.66/21
[ 34...e3 35.Rxc6 Rxc6 36.Kxf3± ]
[ ⌓34...Ne5 4.32/22 35.g6 fxg6 ]
**35.Rd8**
[ 35.Rd7 Rxd7 36.Rxd7 Bc8± ]
**35...Rc8 36.Rxe8+ Rxe8 37.Bxf7 Rc8 38.Bxh5 Nh4 39.Rd7 Bc6 40.Ra7 Ng2+ 41.Kg3**
[ Weaker is 41.Ke5 Be8+- ]
**41...Ne3 42.Bg6 Bd5** 7.67/23
[ ⌓42...Be8 5.09/22 43.Bxe8 Rxe8 ]
**43.c3 Nc4 44.Re7 e3 45.f6 gxf6**

**46.gxf6 Bg8 47.f7 Bxf7 48.Bxf7** A strong pair of Bishops. **48...Rf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.66
**49.Bxc4**
**1-0**

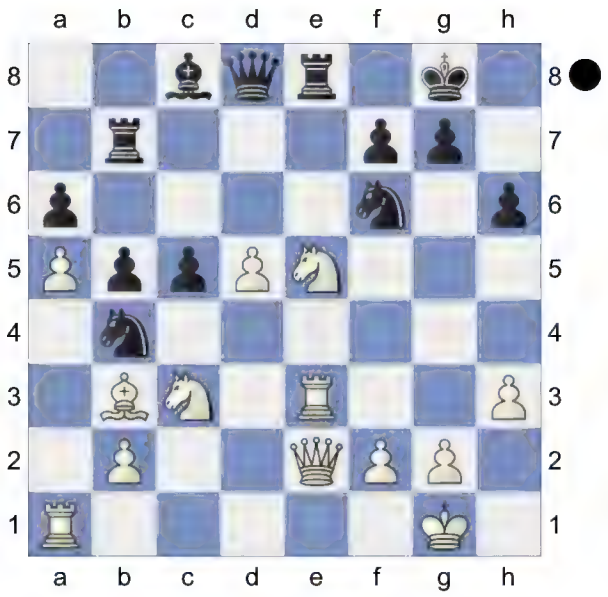
**52** **C78**
□ **BITTER_FOX** **2571**
■ **Consent_to_treatment** **2700**
Blitz 16.12.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6!**

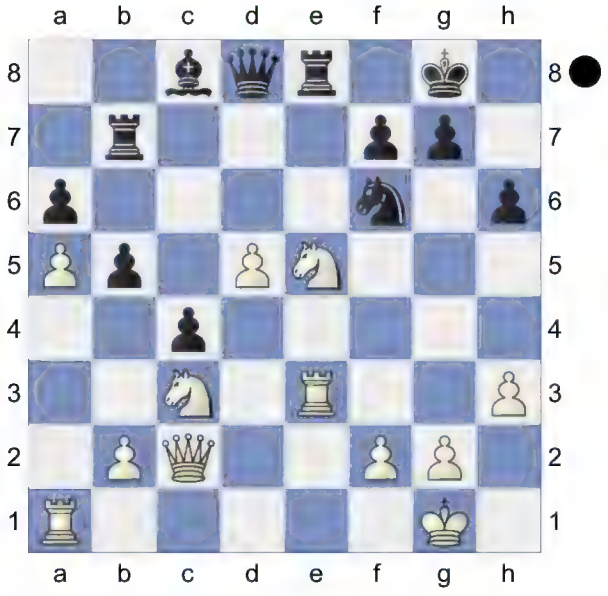


**10.a5! Ba7 11.Re1N** -0.13/23
[ ⌓11.h3 0.23/23 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**11...h6** 0.41/23
[ 11...Bg4= -0.13/23 ]
**12.h3±** White is slightly better. **12...0-0**
**13.Be3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nb4**
[ 14...Nxe4? 15.Bd5+- ]
**15.d5** 0.23/28
[ 15.Nc3± 0.71/25 ]
**15...Bxe3= 16.Rxe3 c5** Prevents Nd4.
**17.Nc3** -0.01/24
[ 17.dxc6± 0.36/26 Nxc6 18.Bc2 ]
**17...Re8 18.Qe2** -0.63/22
[ 18.Bc2= -0.01/23 ]
**18...Rb7!∓ 19.e5?** -2.59/25
[ 19.Bc2!∓ -0.32/23 ]
**19...dxe5-+ 20.Nxe5**

(Diagram)



**c4!**
[ 20...Nfxd5? 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Nxf7 Rxe3 23.Nxd8+- ]
**21.Bc2 Nxc2**
[ 21...Nfxd5 22.Nxd5 Nxc2 *( 22...Nxd5 23.Rd1=; 22...Qxd5? 23.Be4+-* Skewer *)* 23.Qxc2= ]
**22.Qxc2**



**Rbe7??** 5.34/23
[ 22...Nxd5 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.Nxc4= ]
[ 22...b4!-+ -1.93/22 23.Nc6 Qd7 24.Rxe8+ Nxe8 ]
**23.Nc6!+-** Excellent horsemanship.
**23...Qd6 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Rxe7 Qxe7 26.Rd1 Qd8 27.Ne4 Nd7 28.Qc3** Wards off Ne5 **28...Nf8 29.d6 Ne6**

**30.d7! Bxd7 31.Qd2** Repels Nf4
**31...Qa8 32.Nf6+ gxf6 33.Qxd7** Endgame KQR-KQN **33...Qe4 34.Qd6?** 0.43/20
[ 34.Qe8++- 5.43/23 Kg7 35.Rd7 Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Qe5+ 37.g3 ]
**34...Nf4± 35.f3**
[ 35.Qxa6? Qxg2# ]
**35...Qe3+ 36.Kh1** -0.01/23
[ 36.Kh2± 0.36/26 should be considered. Nd3 37.Qxf6 *( 37.Qxa6 Qf4+ 38.g3 Qxf3= )*]
**36...Nd3= 37.Ra1 Qf2** Active counter play! **38.Qxa6 Qxb2** 2.93/27
[ 38...Ne1!= 0.01/26 and Black is okay. 39.Qc8+ *( 39.Qxf6? Qxg2# )* 39...Kh7 ]
**39.Qc8++- Kg7 40.Qg4+?** -0.01/32
[White has to play 40.Rf1+- 2.14/27 ]
**40...Kf8=** White must now prevent ... Nf2+. **41.Qc8+ Kg7 42.Rf1 c3?** 6.25/22
[ 42...h5 2.53/23 ]

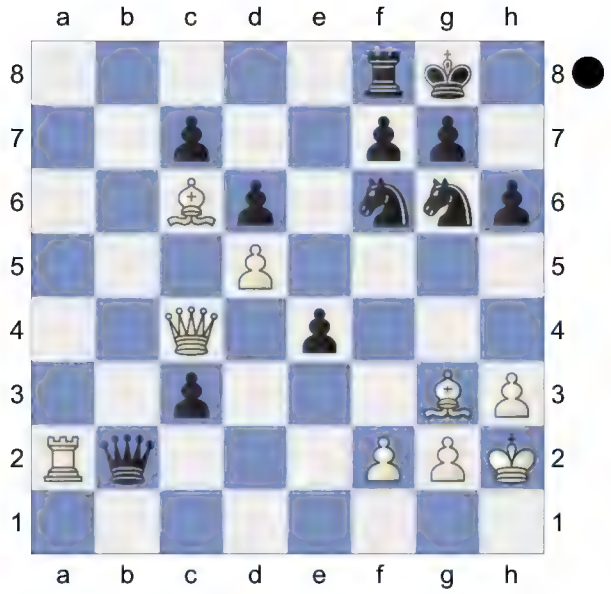
**43.a6?** 2.16/21
[ 43.Qg4+ 6.25/22 Kf8 44.Qd4 ]
**43...Qe2+- 44.Ra1** 0.06/21
[White should play 44.Kg1+- 2.27/26 c2 45.a7 Qe3+ 46.Kh2 Qxa7 47.Qxc2 ]
**44...Qb2!=** Some like it hot **45.Rg1 Qa3?** 5.84/23
[ 45...c2= 0.26/22 46.f4 *( 46.a7 Nf2+ 47.Kh2 Qe5+ 48.g3 Qe2= )* 46...c1Q *( 46...c1R 47.Rxc1 Nxc1 48.a7= )* 47.Rxc1 Nxc1 *( 47...Qxc1+?* is the wrong capture. *48.Qxc1 Nxc1 49.a7+- )*]
**46.Qc6?** 0.22/22
[ 46.Qg4++- 5.84/23 Kf8 47.Qf5 Nf2+ 48.Kh2 Qxa6 49.Qc5+ Kg7 50.Qxf2 ]
**46...b4 47.Qe4?** -40.41/25
[ 47.Qc4= 0.05/22 Ne5 48.Qc8 ]
**47...Nf2+-+ 48.Kh2 Nxe4 49.fxe4 Qxa6** -36.72/18
[ ⌓49...c2 -#18/20 50.g4 b3 *( 50...c1B? 51.g5-+; 50...c1Q? 51.Rxc1 Qxc1 52.a7-+ )* 51.e5 b2 *( 51...c1B? 52.exf6+ Kg6 53.g5-+; 51...Qxa6 52.exf6+ Qxf6 53.Kg2 b2 54.Rf1 Qc6+ 55.Kg3 c1Q 56.Rxc1 bxc1Q 57.Kf2 Qd2+ 58.Kg3 Qcg2+ 59.Kh4 Qg5#; 51...fxe5 52.Rh1-+ )* 52.exf6+ Kg6 53.h4 b1Q *( 53...b1B? 54.Kg2-+ )* 54.Rxb1 cxb1Q *( 54...Qd6+* gets mated. *55.Kh3 cxb1Q 56.h5+ Kg5 57.Kg2 Qc2+ 58.Kh3 Qdh2# )* 55.h5+ Kg5 *( 55...Kxf6 56.g5+ hxg5 57.Kg2 Qc2+ 58.Kh1 Qac1# )* 56.a7 Qc2+ 57.Kh1 Qac1# ]
**50.e5** Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=1.07/ Black=0.75
**50...fxe5**
**0-1**

**53** **C78**
□ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2572**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2804**
Titled Tue 26. Mar Late (6) 26.03.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4** and axb5 should not be overlooked **7...Rb8 8.Nc3 0-0 9.axb5 axb5** The position is equal. **10.Nd5 Nxe4 11.d3! Nf6 12.Bg5** Threatening Bxf6. **12...Be7 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Re1 h6 15.Bh4** White has compensation. **15...Bb7 16.d4 e4 17.d5! Ne5 18.Nd4N** -0.17/22
[ ⌓18.Nd2 0.27/21 ]
[ 18.Rxe4 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Qd6 20.Rd4 Ra8 Voelkl,S (2521)-Westeppe,O (2498) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 152/99 2022 ]
**18...Ng6= 19.Bg3** -0.62/21
[ 19.Bxf6= -0.16/21 Qxf6 20.Rxe4 ]
**19...d6** -0.02/19
[ 19...Qc5∓ -0.62/21 ]
**20.Ra7** -1.27/23
[ 20.Nxb5= -0.02/19 keeps the balance. Bxd5 21.Nxc7 Qxc7 *( 21...Bxb3 22.Bxd6 Bxc2 23.Bxe7± )* 22.Bxd5 Nxd5 23.Qxd5 Rxb2 24.c4 ]
**20...Qd7** -0.73/22
[ 20...Nxd5? perishes. 21.Nf5 *( 21.Nxb5 Ndf4∓; 21.Rxb7 Rxb7 22.Bxd5 Rb6+- )* 21...Qf6 *( 21...Qe6? 22.Rxb7* Decoy *Rxb7 23.Bxd5+- )* 22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.Qxd5+- ]
[ ⌓20...Bxd5 -1.27/23 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 ]
This costs White the game. **21.c4?** -2.75/23
[ 21.Ne2∓ -0.73/22 ]
**21...bxc4-+ 22.Ba4** -3.66/20

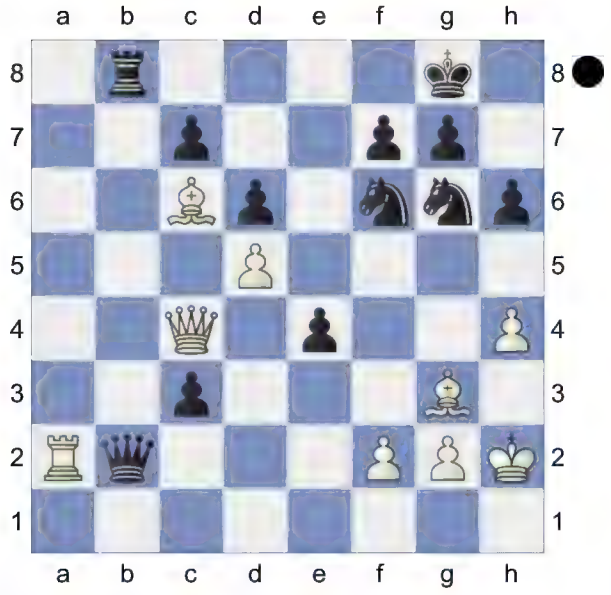
[ 22.Bxc4 -2.60/22 only move. Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Nxd5 24.Rxe4 ]

**22...Qc8 23.Nc6 Bxc6 24.Bxc6 Rxb2 25.Qd4 Qb8 26.h3 Rb3 27.Rea1 c3 28.Qc4 Rb1+ 29.Kh2 Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Qb2 31.Ra2**



**Rb8! 32.h4**

[ 32.Ba4 Rb4 ]



**32...h5! 33.Kh3** Inhibits Ng4.

[ 33.Rxb2 Ng4+ ]

**33...Qb1 34.Ra3 Qh1+ 35.Bh2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

**35...Ng4**

**0-1**

**54** **C78**

□ **So,Wesley** **2761**

■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**

American Cup Champ (2.3) 20.03.2023

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**

[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]

**8.d3 0-0 9.c3N**

[ 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th 145686 1997 (3) ]

**9...d6** 0.79/22

[ 9...d5= 0.29/20 keeps the balance. ]

**10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6** 0.07/20

An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[ 11.Bh4± 0.74/20 ]

**11...Qxf6= 12.Bd5 Rab8** 0.67/25

[ 12...b4= 0.01/21 ]

**13.b4!± Bb6 14.Na3 bxa4N** 0.96/23

[Predecessor: 14...Ne7 15.Bxb7 Rxb7 16.axb5 axb5 17.Nxb5 Qg6 0.90/22 *( 17...Qe6± 0.47/22 )* 18.Na3 f5! 19.Qe2 Qf6 20.exf5 0.43/21 *( 20.Nc2± 0.79/19 )* 20...Qxf5 1-0 (27) Milliet,S (2391)-Kubicka,A (2237) Prague 2022 ]

[ 14...Nd8± 0.56/25 ]

**15.Nc4± Ne7 16.Bxb7**

[ 16.Rxa4 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Rxa6 Bxc4 19.dxc4 e4= ]

**16...Rxb7 17.Rxa4 Ra8 18.Qe2 Qe6 19.Rfa1 Rba7 20.R1a3 Nc6 21.g3 a5 22.bxa5 Nxa5 23.Nxb6 cxb6 24.Rb4** 0.35/20

[ 24.Kg2!± 0.83/22 ]

**24...Ra6** 0.87/23

[ 24...Nb7!± 0.35/20 25.Rxa7 Rxa7 ]

**25.Rb5 Nc6 26.Rxa6 Rxa6 27.Kg2 Ne7 28.Qe3** 0.38/21

[ 28.Qb2± 0.78/20 ]

**28...Ra3** 1.05/22

[ 28...d5± 0.38/21 ]

**29.c4**

[ 29.Rxb6 Rxc3 30.Nh4 Qd7= ]

**29...Nc8 30.Nh4** 0.66/24

[ 30.Nd2± 1.09/21 ]

**30...g6 31.Nf3 Kg7 32.h4 Qf6** 1.65/23

[ 32...h5± 0.62/24 ]

**33.Nd2** 0.44/22

[ 33.h5+- 1.65/23 ]

**33...Ra5** 0.83/22

[ 33...Qd8± 0.44/22 deserves consideration. ]

**34.Rb2 Ra3** 1.22/23

[ 34...Qd8± 0.61/22 ]

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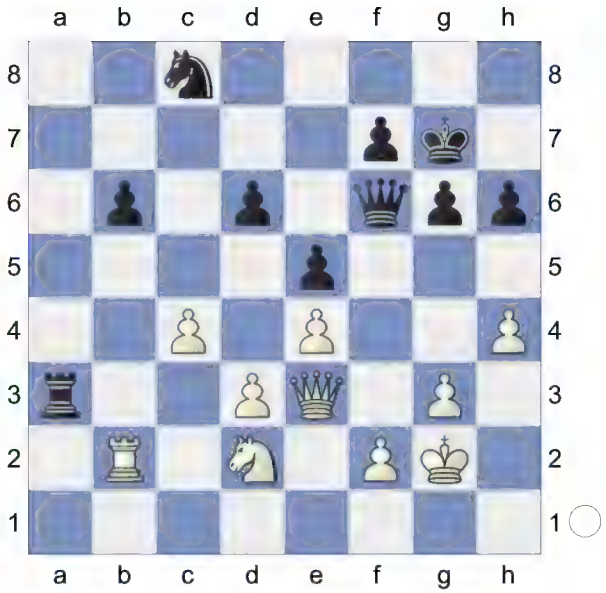
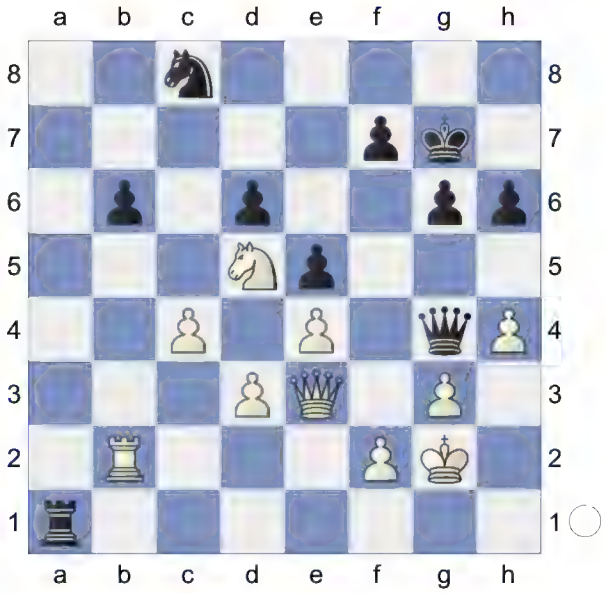


**35.Nb1! Ra1** 1.98/22

[ 35...Ra6± 1.03/22 ]

**36.Nc3+- Qe6 37.Nd5 Qg4** 2.05/21

[ 37...Ra3± 1.59/22 38.Rb4 *( 38.Nxb6 Ne7± )* 38...Ra2 ]



**38.Nc3?** -0.01/21

[ 38.Nxb6? Qd1-+ ]

[ 38.Qd2!+- 2.05/21 ]

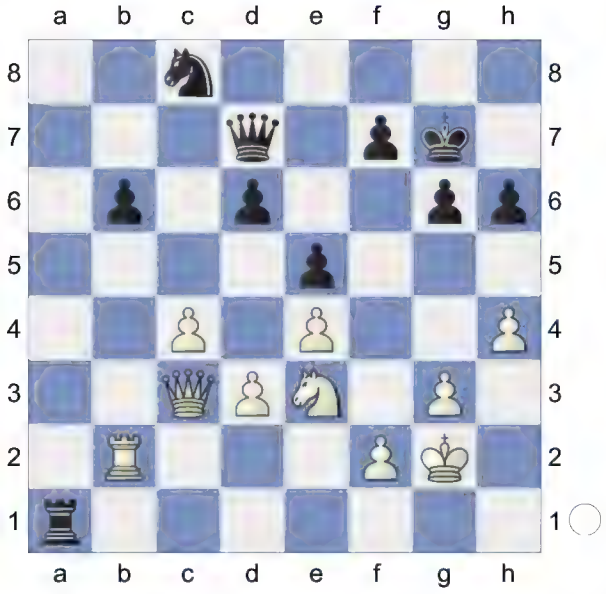
**38...Ra3?** 1.90/22

[ 38...Qe6!= -0.01/21 ]

**39.Qd2** 1.13/21

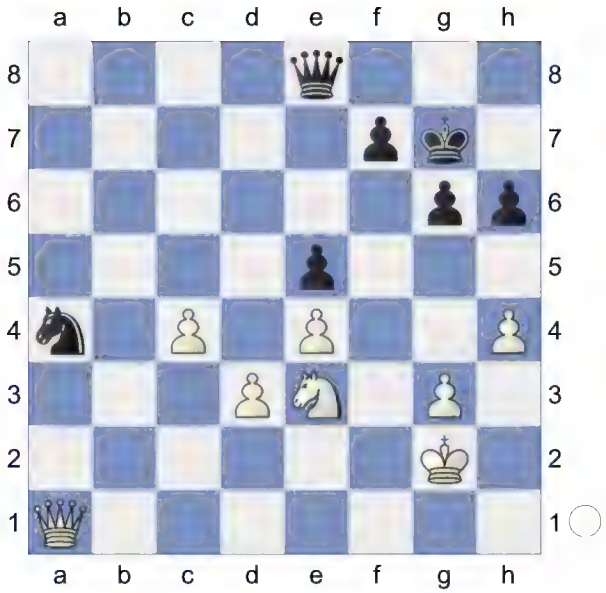
[ 39.Qc1+- 1.90/22 ]

**39...Ra1** 2.21/23
[ 39...g5± 1.13/21 ]
**40.Nd5 Rd1?** 3.51/24
[ 40...h5± 1.56/23 was worth a try. 41.Ra2 *( 41.Nxb6 Ne7± )* 41...Rxa2 42.Qxa2 Qd7 ]
**41.Qc3 Ra1 42.Ne3** Wards off Qd1. Active counter play!
[ 42.Nxb6 Qd1 ]
**42...Qd7**



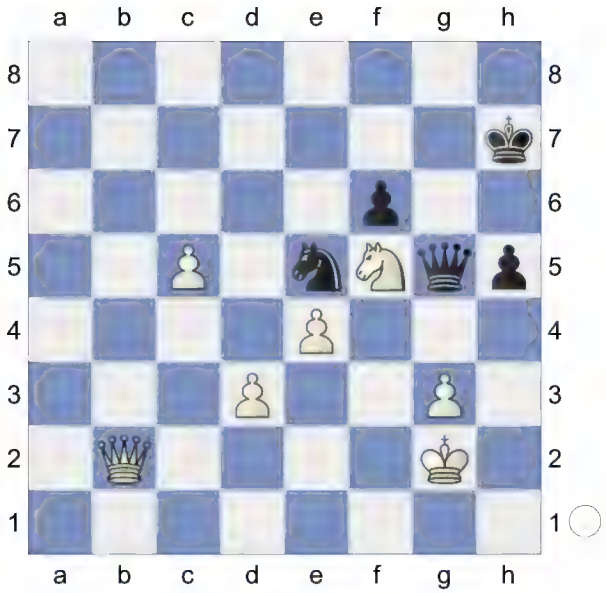
**43.Rxb6!!** Discovered Attack **43...Nxb6**
**44.Qxa1** Endgame KQN-KQN. White is a pawn up. **44...Na4** 5.83/22
[ 44...Qa4 2.61/22 is a better chance. 45.Qxa4 Nxa4 ]
**45.f4 Qe8 46.fxe5 dxe5**

(Diagram)



**47.h5! Nc5 48.hxg6 Kxg6 49.Nf5 Kh7**
[Much weaker is 49...Nxd3 50.Qd1 Qd7 51.Qe2+- *( 51.Qg4+ Kf6+- )*]
**50.Qa3** 2.59/24
[ ⌓50.Qa7 6.16/23 ]
**50...Qc6** 9.64/24
[ 50...Ne6 2.59/24 51.Qa7 Qf8 ]
**51.Qa7 Nd7 52.Qa5** 4.12/25
[ ⌓52.c5 8.84/22 Qe6 53.Qa8 Nxc5 54.Qf8 ]
**52...Qg6 53.Qd5?** 0.26/23
[White should play 53.Nh4+- 4.12/22 Qd6 54.Qd2 ]
**53...Nf6?** 8.95/23
[ 53...Qh5= 0.26/23 ]
**54.Qxe5 Ng4 55.Qd4 Qg5 56.Qc3 h5 57.c5** And now c6 would win. **57...f6 58.Qb2 Ne5**

(Diagram)



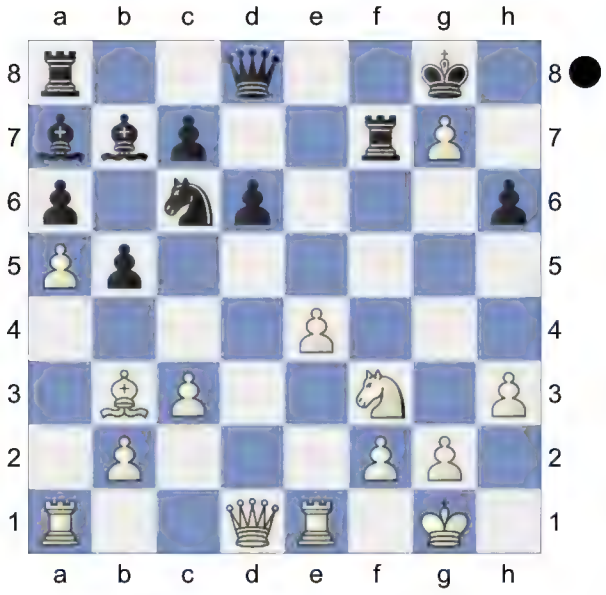
**59.c6! Qg4**
[ 59...Nxc6 60.Qb7+ ]
**60.Qb7+** White mates. **60...Kh8**
**61.Qb8+ Kh7 62.Qc7+ Kh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.95
**63.Qd8+?** 0.00/5 Loss on time!?
[ 63.Kf2 #15/30 mates Qg5 64.Qc8+ Kh7 65.Ke2 Nxc6 66.Qxc6 Qg6 67.Qc7+ Kh8 68.d4 Qg4+ 69.Ke3 Qg5+ 70.Qf4 ]
**1-0**

**55** **C78**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
Tata Steel-A 85th (2) 15.01.2023
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3!** Against Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...Ra8N** 12...Re8 is the modern continuation. 12...Te8 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.
[ 12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**13.Nbd2 Bb7 14.Re1 Re8 15.Ng5 Re7 16.Ndf3 h6! 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.dxe5 Bxe3! 19.exf6**
[ 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.exf6 *( 20.fxe3? Nxe5 21.Nxe5+ dxe5-+ )* 20...Ba7= ]
**19...Ba7 20.fxg7N** -0.39/25
[Predecessor: 20.Bxf7+ 0.52/22

20.e5 0.01 Kxf7 21.Qd5+ Kf8! 22.e5 dxe5 23.fxg7+ Kxg7 24.Qe4 Qf6 ...Rg8 is the strong threat. 25.Rad1 Rd8? 4.04/27 Wards off Rd7+ *( 25...Bc8!=* 0.01/24 *)* 26.Qg4++- Kh7? 6.35/28 *( 26...Qg6* 3.67/25 *)* 27.Rxd8+- Nxd8 28.Rxe5 Nf7 12.24/24 *( ⌓28...Bxf3* 5.15/24 *29.Qd7+ Kg6 30.Qd3+ Kg7 )* 29.Re6 1-0 Kurmann,O (2466)-Kenneskog,T (2307) Sitges Sunway op 8th 2021 (4) ]

[ 20.Bxf7+= 0.01/26 Kxf7 21.Qd5+ Kf8 *( 21...Kxf6 22.Qf5+ Ke7 23.e5± )* 22.fxg7+ Kxg7 23.Rad1 ]



**20...Qf6!∓ 21.Qd5** Chess con chili.

**21...Kxg7** 0.06/26

[ 21...Qxg7!∓ -0.45/25 22.Qh5 Pin Raf8 ]

**22.Qxf7+** -0.51/26

[ 22.e5!= 0.06/26 Nxe5 23.Qxb7 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Qxf3 25.Qxf3 *( 25.Qxa6? Bxf2+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *26.Kh2 Qg3+* Deflection *27.Kh1 Qxh3# )* 25...Rxf3 26.Bd5 Bxf2+ *( 26...Rxh3? 27.Bxa8 Rg3+ 28.Kf1+- )* 27.Kg2 Bxe1 28.Rxe1 ]

**22...Qxf7 23.Bxf7 Kxf7 24.e5 Nxe5** 0.29/23

[ Black should try 24...d5!∓ -0.53/23 ]

**25.Nxe5+= dxe5 26.Rxe5 Rg8** 0.81/29

[ 26...Rd8± 0.45/24 might be stronger. ]

**27.g4± Rd8** 1.17/24

[ 27...Rg5± 0.53/27 28.Rae1 Bc5 ]

**28.Rae1! Rd7** Prevents Re7+ **29.Kh2** 0.21/22

[ 29.b4± 1.12/23 ]

**29...c5?** 2.23/25

[ 29...Bd5= 0.21/22 and Black stays safe. ]

**30.Rf5++- Kg7 31.Kg3** 1.22/24

[ Only move: 31.Re8!+- 2.42/25 ]

**31...Bb8+± 32.Kh4! Bc7** 1.96/26

[ 32...b4± 1.52/27 was worth a try. ]

**33.Re6+-**

[ 33.Rxc5 Bd8+ 34.Kg3 Bxa5= ]

**33...Bd5** 2.73/27

[ ⌓33...Bxa5 1.63/28 34.Kh5 *( 34.Rxc5 Bd5= )* 34...Bd8 ]

**34.Rxa6**

[ 34.Rxd5? Bd8+ 35.Kg3 Rxd5 36.Rxa6 Rd3+ 37.Kf4 Rd2∓ *( 37...Rxh3 38.Ra8= )*]

**34...b4 35.Kh5 Bf7+**

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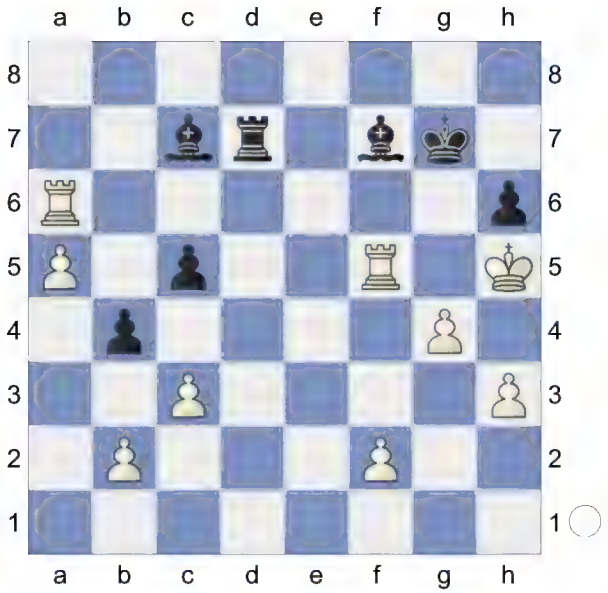
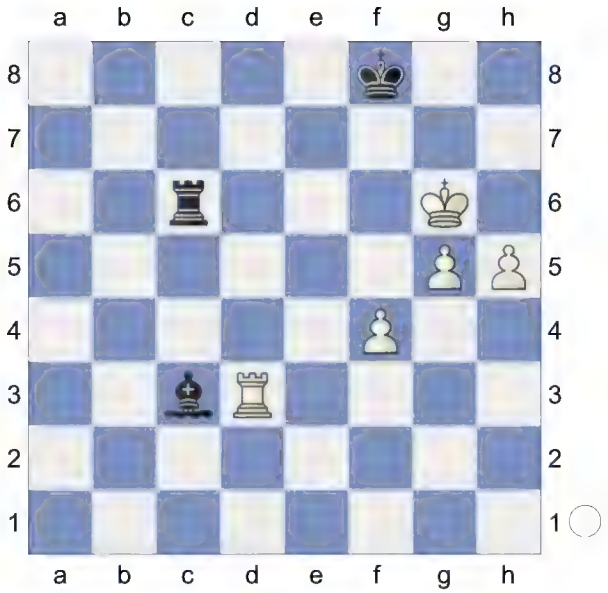
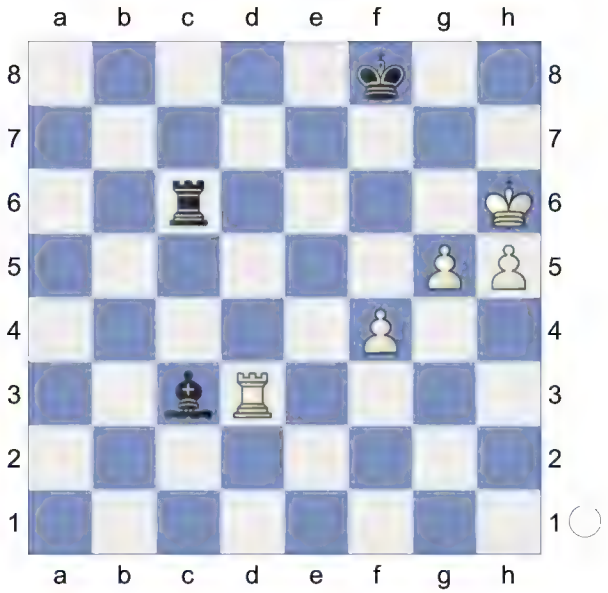


**36.Rxf7+!** Deflection **36...Kxf7**
[ 36...Rxf7 37.Rg6+ Kf8 38.a6= ]
**37.Kxh6** 0.44/25
[ 37.Ra7± 1.51/23 ]
**37...bxc3± 38.bxc3+-** Endgame KRB-KR **38...Be5! 39.Rc6 Bxc3** 1.21/22
[ 39...Rd8!± 0.45/24 ]
**40.Rxc5± Bd2+ 41.g5 Rd4 42.Kh5** Prevents Rh4+. **42...Ra4 43.Rc7+ Kf8 44.Rd7 Bc3 45.Kg6 Rxa5 46.h4?** 0.43/25
[ 46.f4+- 2.94/28 ]
**46...Ra6+± 47.Kh7** White has compensation. **47...Ra4 48.h5 Rf4?** 5.91/27
[ 48...Ke8± 0.88/25 keeps some hope. 49.Rc7 Bd2 ]
**49.Rd3?** 1.03/28
[ 49.Rc7+- 5.91/27 is the precise move to win. ]
**49...Rf7+± 50.Kg6 Rg7+ 51.Kh6! Rc7 52.f4! Rc6+?** 2.62/30
[ 52...Kf7± 1.11/27 ]
**53.Kh7** 1.06/25
[ 53.g6+- 2.62/30 is more deadly. ]
**53...Rc7+ 54.Kg6 Rc6+**

(Diagram)



**55.Kh7** -0.01/24
[ 55.Kf5!± 1.11/30 ]
**55...Rc7+!= 56.Kh6 Rc6+!**



**57.g6!**
[Weaker is 57.Kh7 Rc7+± ]
**57...Bf6 58.Ra3 Rc8** Against Ra8
**59.Ra6 Bc3 60.Ra7?** 0.01/28
[ 60.Kg5+- 2.29/28 ]
**60...Kg8! 61.Kg5 Rc5+! 62.Kg4 Rc6! 63.Rd7** Kg5 would now be deadly.
**63...Bb2! 64.Rd8+ Kg7 65.Rd7+ Kg8 66.Kg5 Rc5+!** The position is equal.
**67.Kh6 Bf6** Against Rd8+ **68.Rf7 Rc6**

**69.Ra7** Intending Ra8+ and mate. **69...Rd6 70.Ra8+ Rd8! 71.Ra7 Rd6 72.Rb7 Rd8 73.f5 Rd6 74.Ra7 Rd8 75.Ra6 Rf8 76.Rc6 Bd8 77.Re6 Bf6 78.Rc6 Bd8 79.Re6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.24 (precise)
**79...Bf6**
½-½

**56** **C78**
□ **Ferran1850** **2591**
■ **jenshina_333** **2624**
Rapid 30.01.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 10min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5**
[ 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 0-1 (23) Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**8...axb5 9.Re1N** 0.09/22
[ 9.Nxe5± 0.52/21 might be stronger. Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.f4 *( 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bg4 26.Nd4 Qb6* 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7)*)* 12...Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 ]
**9...d6= 10.c3 0-0 11.d4** The position is equal. **11...Bb6 12.Bg5** -0.26/21
[ 12.h3± 0.44/19 ]
**12...exd4 13.cxd4 Bg4 14.d5** -1.12/21
[ 14.Nc3= -0.21/19 remains equal. ]
**14...Ne5∓ 15.Nbd2 Re8** -0.29/19 Black is more active.
[Black should play 15...Nd3∓ -1.02/21 16.Rf1 h6 *( 16...Nxb2 17.Qc2= )*]
**16.h3= Bxf3 17.Nxf3 h6 18.Nxe5** -0.97/23
[ 18.Bc1!∓ -0.34/21 ]
**18...Rxe5∓ 19.Bh4** -2.23/22
[ 19.Bxf6∓ -0.85/22 Qxf6 20.Qe2 ]
**19...g5!-+**
[ 19...Rxe4 20.Rxe4 g5 21.Rg4 Nxg4 22.Qxg4± ]
**20.Bg3 Rxe4 21.Qf3** -2.19/20
[ 21.Bc2 -1.74/21 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 ]
**21...Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Kg7 23.Bc2** -2.07/18
[ ⌓23.Kh2 -1.61/20 ]
**23...Bd4** -0.87/18
[ 23...b4-+ -2.07/18 and Black stays clearly on top. 24.h4 b3 25.Bxb3 g4 ]
**24.h4?** -2.81/21
[ 24.b4∓ -0.87/18 is a better defense. ]
**24...Bxb2 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Qf5** -3.72/19
[ 26.Rb1 -2.26/21 was the only defense. Bd4 27.Qd3 ]

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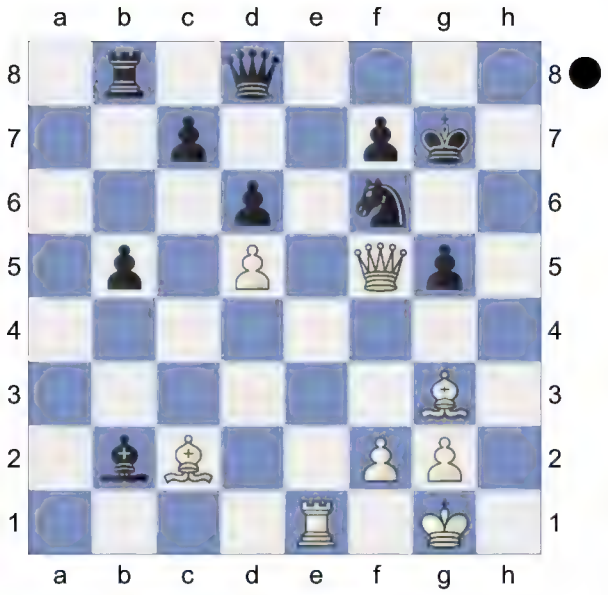
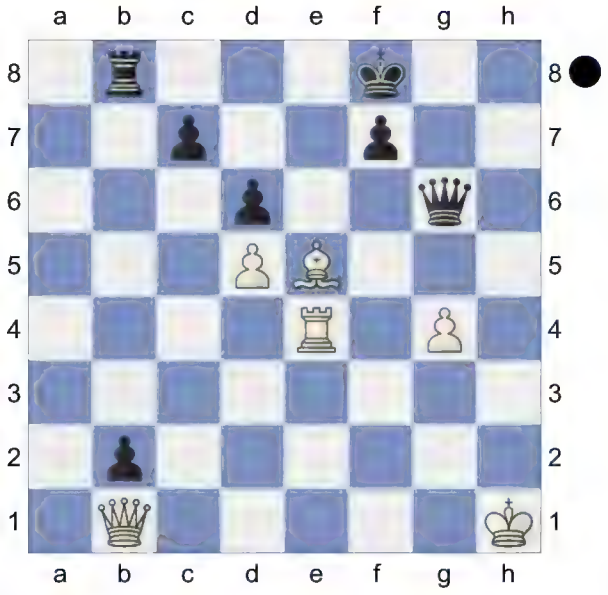


**26...Ng8! 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.f4** -4.66/20
[ ⌓28.Re3 -3.02/19 ]
**28...Bd4+ 29.Kh1 b4 30.fxg5 Qxg5 31.Qd3 Qh5+ 32.Bh2 Be5**
[ 32...Qxd5 33.Bb3 Qc5 34.Qh7= ]
**33.g3 Nf6 34.Bd1 Ng4 35.Bxg4 Qxg4 36.Re4 Qg6** ...b3 is the strong threat.
**37.Qb1 b3 38.g4 b2** ( -> ...Qh7)
**39.Bxe5**



Weighted Error Value: White=1.14/ Black=0.34
**39...Qxe4+!!** Promotion
**0-1**

**57** **C78**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (2.21)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.d3 d6**
[ 9...0-0 10.h3 d6 11.Re1 h6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 Ne7 14.c3 c5 15.d4 Ng6 16.Nbd2 Qe7 17.Nf1 Nf4 18.Ng3 g6 19.Qd2 Kg7 20.Bc2 b4 21.cxb4 cxb4 22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Bb3 Rd8 24.Qc2 0-1 (37) Hansen,E (2579)-Mamedyarov,S (2746) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (5) ]
**10.Be3**
[ 10.h3 h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Ne2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ke7 17.Qe1 Rhg8 18.Qh4 Rg6 19.Rxf6 1-0 Gregersen, E (1894)-Saliba,K (1570) Reykjavik op 2023 (1) ]
**10...0-0 11.Bxc5N** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[ 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Qe2 Nd7 13.c3 Qf6 14.g3 Ne7 15.Nh4 b4 16.Bc4 bxc3 17.bxc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 c6 19.f4 d5 20.Bxc5 Nxc5 21.fxe5 Qe6 22.Nb3 Na4 23.exd5 cxd5 24.Bb5 Qb6+ 25.d4 Bc6 ½-½ (38) Nedev,T (2590)-Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2700) 94/354 Greece 2005 ]
**11...dxc5 12.Nbd2 Qd6 13.h3** -0.60/23
[ 13.Re1= -0.15/21 ]
**13...h6N**
[Vorgänger: 13...Nh5 14.Re1 Nf4 15.Nf1 -1.28/22 *( 15.h4∓* -0.38/20 ) 15...Qh6 -0.91/21 *( ⌓15...Rd8* -1.28/22 *16.Bd5 Ne7 )* 16.Ne3

-1.75/21 *( 16.Re3∓* -0.91/21 was necessary.*)* 16...Rd8? 0.22/20 *( 16...c4-+* -1.75/21 *17.dxc4 Rd8 )* 17.Bd5= Bxh3? 2.72/24 *( 17...Re8=* 0.17/22 *)* 18.Ra6+- Rb6 19.Rxb6 cxb6 20.Bxc6 Rd6? 5.27/22 *( 20...Qxc6* 3.04/22 *21.gxh3 Nxh3+ 22.Kh2 Nf4 )* 21.Nxe5+- Rf6 8.56/22 *( ⌓21...Qg5* 4.90/22 *22.Nf3 Qh5 )* 22.N5g4 1-0 (22) Marholev,D (2315)-Terzijski,K (2126) Plovdiv 2014 ]

**14.Re1 Rd8**

[ 14...Nh5!? ]

**15.Qe2 Nh5**

[ 15...Qe7 simplifies 16.Nf1 Nh5 17.Ne3 Nf4 ]

**16.Ng5!** Discovered Attack **16...Nf4!**

**17.Nxf7**

[ 17.Bxf7+? Kh8 18.Qe3 hxg5-+ ]

**17...Nxe2+ 18.Rxe2 Qf6 19.Nxd8+ Kh7 20.Nxc6 Qxc6 21.c3** -0.70/23

[ 21.Bd5= -0.21/20 Qd6 22.Kh2 ]

**21...c4∓ 22.dxc4** -1.10/23

[ 22.Bc2∓ -0.61/23 deserves consideration. ]

**22...bxc4∓ 23.Ba4 Qg6** -0.91/23

[ ⌓23...Qa6! -1.39/23 24.Ra2 Qd6 25.Nxc4 Qe6 *( 25...Qd3 26.b3= )*]

**24.Nxc4** -1.37/24

[ ⌓24.Re3 -0.91/23 ]

**24...Bxh3 25.Ne3 Be6** -0.45/23

[ 25...h5!∓ -1.56/22 ...h4! is the strong threat. 26.b4 Ra8 ]

**26.b4** -0.85/24

[ 26.Bd1!∓ -0.45/23 ]

**26...Rd8**

[ 26...Qxe4? 27.Bc2+- ]

**27.Rd1** Wards off Rd3 **27...Rxd1+ 28.Bxd1**

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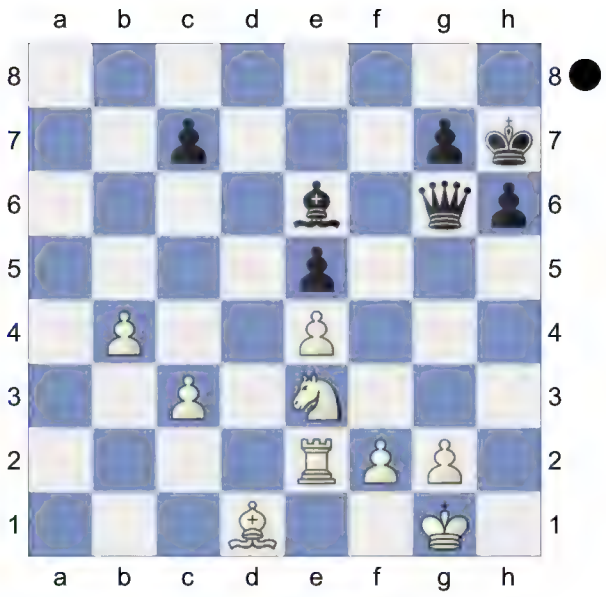


**h5** -0.17/23

[ 28...Qxe4? 29.Bc2+- ]

[ 28...Kg8!∓ -1.03/24 29.Re1 Qxe4 ]

**29.Rd2 h4**

[ 29...Qxe4? 30.Bc2+- *( 30.Bxh5 Qb1+ 31.Rd1 Qb2∓ )*]

**30.Be2⇄** White is fighting back **30...Qg5**

[ 30...Qxe4? 31.Bd3+- ]

**31.Bc4 Bxc4 32.Nxc4∓** Endgame KQ-KRN **32...h3** -0.01/26

[ 32...Qf4∓ -0.62/24 ]

**33.Ne3= hxg2 34.Rd7 Qh4 35.Nxg2** Active counter play! **35...Qxe4** ...Qb1+ poses a challenge **36.Rxc7 Qd3 37.Ne3 Kg6 38.Rc5 Kg5 39.Rxe5+ Kf4 40.Rf5+ Ke4 41.c4 Qb1+ 42.Kg2 Qxb4 43.Rf4+** Decoy **43...Kd3 44.Rg4 Qb7+ 45.Nd5 Ke2 46.Re4+ Kd3 47.f3 Qb2+ 48.Kg3 Qb1 49.Nf4+ Kd2 50.Ne6 Qg1+ 51.Kf4 Qg6** 0.37/24

[ 51...Qh2+= 0.01/24 52.Kg4 Qg1+ 53.Kf5 Qg2 ]

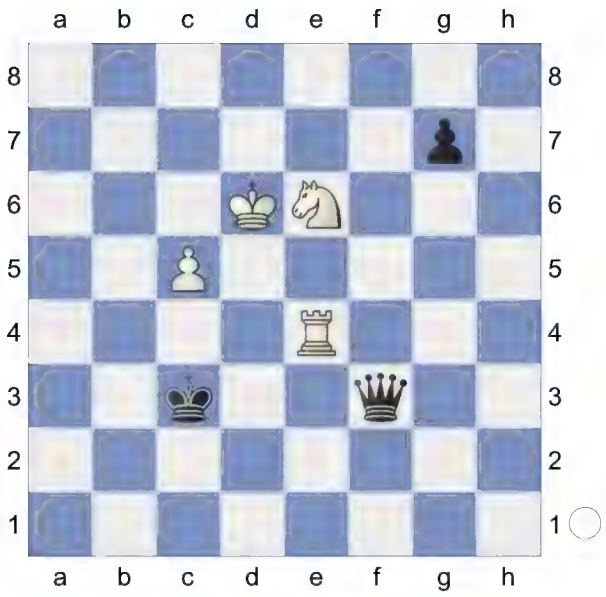
**52.Ke5± Kc3** 3.28/26

[ 52...Qf6+± 0.47/25 53.Kd6 Qxf3 54.Rd4+ Kc1 ]

**53.c5+- Qh5+?** 6.61/26

[ 53...Qe8 3.17/23 54.f4 Qa8 ]

**54.Kd6 Qxf3**



**55.Re5** 0.01/21
[ 55.Rd4!+- 6.83/23 Threatens to win with c6!. Qg3+ 56.Kd7 ]
**55...Qd3+!= 56.Rd5 Qa6+** 6.30/23
[ 56...Qg3+= 0.06/21 57.Kd7 Qg2 ]
**57.c6+- g5 58.Rxg5**
[Less strong is 58.Nxg5 Qa3+ 59.Rc5+ Kb4+- ]
**58...Kc4 59.Rc5+ Kb4 60.Nc7 Kb3 61.Nd5** 7.14/25
[ ⌓61.Nxa6 #6/14 Ka4 62.c7 Kb3 63.c8Q *( 63.c8R Ka3 64.Rb8 Ka4 65.Rb4+ Ka3 66.Ra5# )* 63...Ka4 64.Qb7 Ka3 65.Ra5# ]
**61...Kb2 62.Kd7?** 0.37/19
[ 62.Rc3+- 9.95/26 Ka1 63.Rc5 ]
**62...Qa7+± 63.Kd6** 0.01/21
[ 63.c7!± 0.39/25 Qxc5 64.c8Q Qxd5+ 65.Kc7 ]
**63...Qa6= 64.Rc3 Kb1 65.Rb3+ Kc1 66.Rb6 Qa3+ 67.Rb4 Qd3 68.c7 Qg3+ 69.Kc6** 10.01/25
[ ⌓69.Nf4 #21/25 Qg8 70.Rb8 Qg7 71.c8Q+ *( 71.c8R+ Kd2+- )* 71...Kd2 72.Qf5 Qc3 73.Qd5+ Ke3 74.Re8+ *( 74.Qe5+ Qxe5+ 75.Kxe5 Kd2 76.Kd4 Kc2 77.Rb7 Kd2 78.Rb2+ Ke1 79.Kd3 Kf1 80.Nh3 Ke1 81.Rb1# )* 74...Kxf4 75.Qe4+ Kg3 76.Rg8+ Qg7 77.Rxg7+ Kf2 78.Rg2+ Kf1 79.Qe2# ]
**69...Qg8+- 70.Rb8 Qe6+** White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.59
**71.Kc5**
**1-0**

**58** **C78**
□ **Yu,Yangyi** **2716**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early ..
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6N**
[ 10...Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**11.h3 Re8 12.Bc2 Bd7!?**
An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
**13.d5N**
[Vorgänger: 13.Re1 Rb8 14.Rc1 exd4 15.cxd4 Na5 1.46/20 *( 15...Ne7± 0.47/21 )* 16.b3 0.96/21 *( ⌓16.Bb1 1.46/20 )* 16...c5 1.81/20 *( 16...Nc6± 0.96/21* was called for.) 17.d5 1.13/21 *( 17.dxc5+- 1.81/20 dxc5 18.Bb1 )* 17...Rc8± 18.Bf4 c4 19.b4 0.40/22 *( 19.Bxd6± 1.27/21* Hoping for Bg3. *Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qxd6*

*21.e5 Qxd5 22.exf6 )* 19...Nb7 1.23/21 0-1 (80) Caruana,F (2786)-Le, Q (2709) Chess.com INT 2022 *(*Black should play *19...c3!±* 0.40/22 *20.bxa5 cxd2 21.Bxd2 Bxa5 )*]

**13...Ne7 14.Bxb6** The position is equal. **14...cxb6 15.a4** -0.39/23

[ 15.Kh2= 0.17/20 ]

**15...Ng6** 0.01/22

[ 15...bxa4!∓ -0.39/23 16.Bxa4 b5 ]

**16.axb5= Bxb5 17.c4 Bd7 18.Re1 a5 19.Bd3 Qc7 20.Bf1 Rec8 21.b3 Be8 22.Qb1 Nd7 23.h4** -0.53/22

[ 23.Re3= 0.01/20 ]

**23...Nc5∓ 24.g3 Bd7 25.b4 axb4 26.Qxb4 Ra5 27.Rab1 Rb8 28.Re3** -0.82/23

[ 28.Nb3= -0.17/22 Ra4 29.Qd2 ]

**28...Ne7** -0.23/23

[ 28...f5∓ -0.82/23 29.exf5 Bxf5 ]

**29.Ra3** -1.20/23

[ 29.Nb3= -0.23/23 remains equal. Raa8 30.Qd2 ]

**29...Rba8∓ 30.Re3 R8a6** -0.26/21

[ 30...R5a6!∓ -1.13/22 ]

**31.Nb3!= Ra4 32.Qe1**

[ 32.Nxc5!? bxc5 *( 32...Rxb4? 33.Nxa6+- )* 33.Qb8+ Qxb8 34.Rxb8+ Nc8 35.Reb3± ]

**32...Ra3 33.Nfd2 Kh7 34.Nxc5 bxc5 35.Rxa3 Rxa3 36.Ra1 Qa5 37.Rxa3 Qxa3 38.Qb1 Qa7** Dodges Qb7 **39.Kh2 Ng8 40.Bh3 Nf6 41.Bxd7 Qxd7** Endgame KQN-KQN **42.Kg2 Qa7 43.Nf1 Qa4 44.Ne3 Qa5 45.Qb7 Qd2 46.Qxf7 Qd3 47.Qe6 Qxe4+ 48.Kg1 Qf3 49.Qf5+**

[ 49.Qxd6? Ne4 50.Qxe5 Qxf2+ *( 50...Nxf2 51.Qf5+ Qxf5 52.Nxf5± )* 51.Kh1 Nxg3+-+ *( 51...Qxe3 52.Qf5+ Kg8 53.Qc8+ Kf7 54.Qd7+ Kg8 55.Qc8+ Kf7 56.Qd7+ Kg6 57.Qg4+ Kh7 58.Qf5+ Kg8 59.Qc8+= )*]

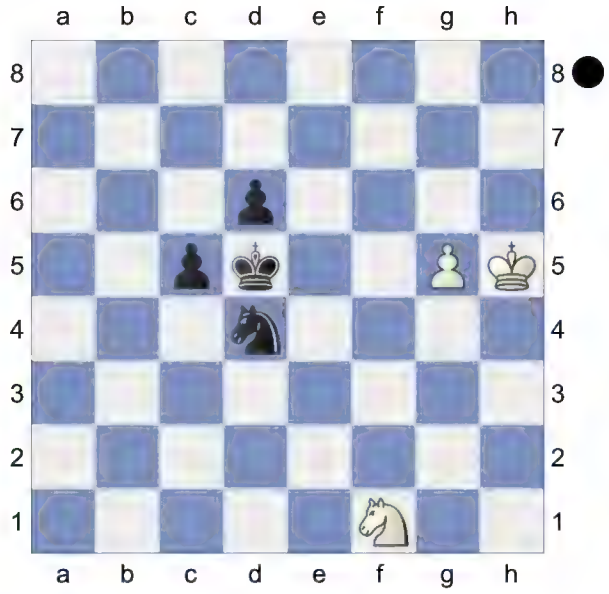
**49...Qxf5 50.Nxf5** KN-KN **50...Ne8 51.h5 g6 52.hxg6+ Kxg6 53.Ne3 Nf6 54.Kg2 h5 55.f3 e4 56.fxe4 Nxe4 57.Kf3 Nd2+ 58.Ke2 Nb3 59.Kf3 Kg5 60.Kf2 Nd4 61.Kg2 Kf6** and ...Ke5 should not be overlooked **62.Kh3 Ke5 63.Kh4** -0.96/28

[ Better is 63.Nd1∓ -0.40/30 ]

**63...Ke4∓** White does not recover from this. **64.Nf1?** -4.45/32

[ 64.Nd1∓ -0.91/29 is tougher. ]

**64...Kd3-+ 65.Kxh5 Kxc4 66.g4 Kxd5 67.g5**




**Ne6! 68.g6** -8.29/26

[ ⌓68.Kg4 -4.16/22 Ke5 69.Ne3 ]

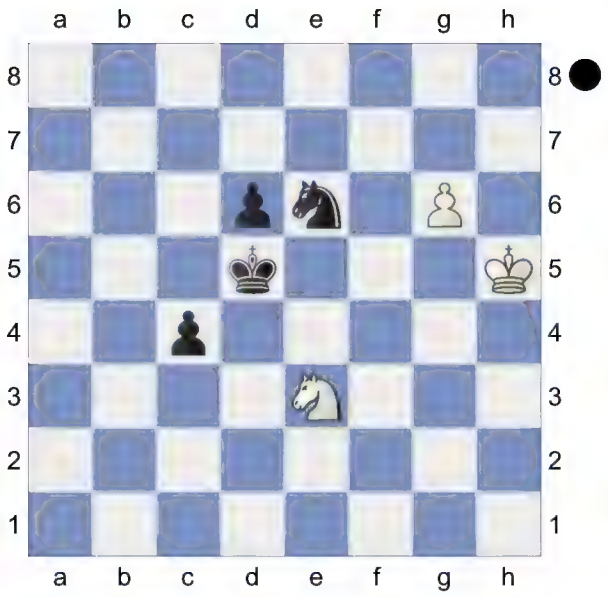
**68...c4** -3.46/23

[ ⌓68...Nf4+ -8.29/26 69.Kh6 Nxg6 70.Kxg6 Ke5 ]

**69.Ne3+?** -10.41/24

[ 69.Kg4 -3.46/23 c3 70.Kf3 ]

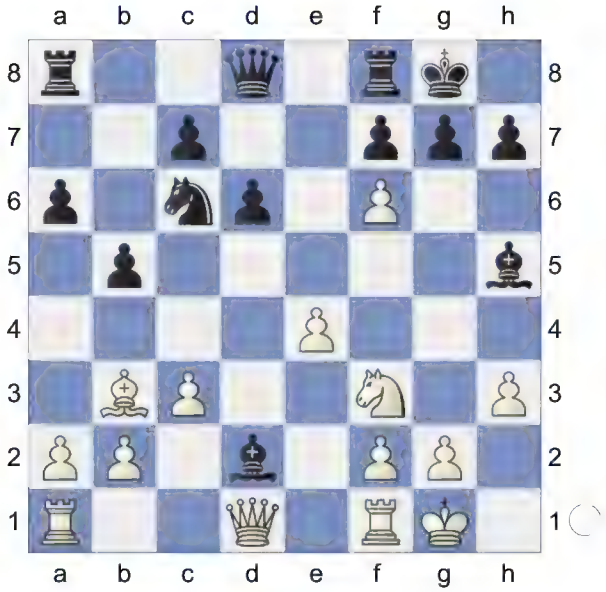
(Diagram)



**69...Kd4!** Black is clearly winning.
**70.Nf5+ Ke5 71.Kg4 c3** ( -> ...c2)
**72.Ne3 Ke4 73.Nc2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
**73...d5**
**0-1**

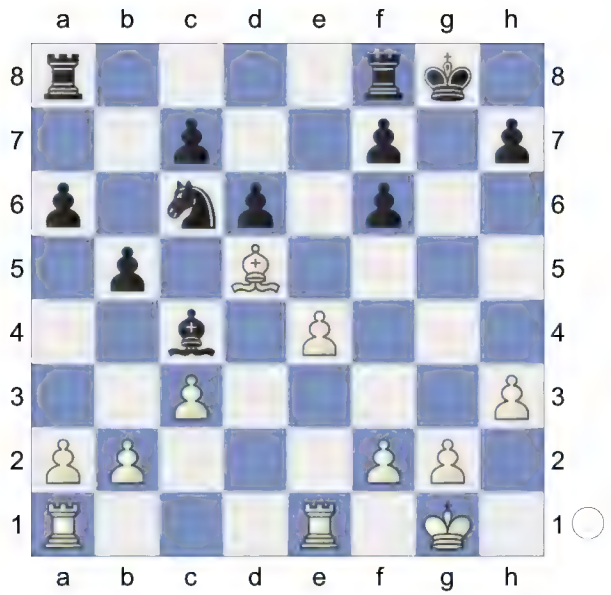
**59** **C78**
□ **Caviar2068** **3043**
■ **DmDonCh** **2817**
Blitz 14.05.2022
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 Bg4N**
[ 9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**10.Nbd2 0-0 11.h3 Bh5** White is slightly better. **12.dxe5 Bxe3 13.exf6 Bxd2**



Remove Defender **14.Qxd2**
[ 14.fxg7 seems wilder. Re8 15.Qxd2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Ne5 17.Qh6 ]
**14...Bxf3 15.Qg5** White is more active.
[ 15.fxg7 simplifies Kxg7 16.gxf3 Qh4 17.f4 ]
**15...Qxf6 16.Qxf6 gxf6 17.Bd5**
[ Of course not 17.gxf3 Rad8= ]
**17...Be2 18.Rfe1**
[ 18.Bxc6 Bxf1 19.Bxa8 Bxg2 ]
**18...Bc4**

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Bxd5. **19.Bxc6 Rab8 20.Rad1** -0.01/19
[ 20.Re3± 0.41/21 ]
**20...Bxa2= 21.Ra1 Rb6! 22.Bxb5 Rxb5 23.Rxa2** Endgame KRR-KRR **23...a5 24.Rea1 Rfb8 25.Rxa5 Rxb2 26.Ra7 Re2** 0.45/22
[ 26...Rb1+= 0.09/25 27.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 28.Kh2 c5 ]
**27.Rxc7±** Black cannot hold the game after this. **27...Rbb2?** 4.60/28
[ 27...Rxe4± 0.47/22 28.Raa7 Re1+ 29.Kh2 Rf8 ]
**28.Ra8++- Kg7 29.Raa7 Rxf2 30.Rxf7+ Kg6 31.Rg7+**
[Stronger than 31.Rxh7 Rxg2+ 32.Kf1 Rbf2+ 33.Ke1 Re2+ 34.Kf1 Rgf2+ 35.Kg1 Rg2+ 36.Kf1 Ref2+ 37.Ke1 Re2+ 38.Kf1= ]
**31...Kh6 32.Rxh7+ Kg5 33.Rhg7+ Kf4 34.Rae7 Rfc2 35.Rg4+ Ke3 36.Rg3+ Ke2 37.Kh2 Kf1 38.Reg7 Rf2 39.h4 Rf4 40.h5 Rxe4 41.h6 Rh4+ 42.Rh3 Rxh3+ 43.Kxh3 Rb5 44.Kg4 Rb8 45.h7 Kxg2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.42

**46.Rg8**
**1-0**

**60** **C78**
□ **Svidler,Peter** **2683**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
Airthings Masters Div 3 W rapid (2.3)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5!** now scores much better than the old 6...Be7. punktet besser als das ältere 6...Le7.
**7.a4 Rb8 8.Nxe5N** Deflection
[ 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 *( 12.f4 Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6* Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 *)* 12...c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4

Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]

**8...Nxe5 9.d4 Bxd4** White has an edge. **10.Qxd4 d6 11.f3 0-0 12.Nc3 Be6N**

[Vorgänger: 12...c5 13.Qf2 c4 14.Ba2 b4 15.Ne2 Be6 16.Rd1 Qa5 17.Bf4 Nh5 18.Rxd6? -3.01/22 *( 18.Be3!= 0.14/21* and White has nothing to worry.*)* 18...Nxf4-+ 19.Nxf4 0-1 (40) Mosadeghpour,M (2486)-Pitra,A (2276) Tornelo INT 2021 ]

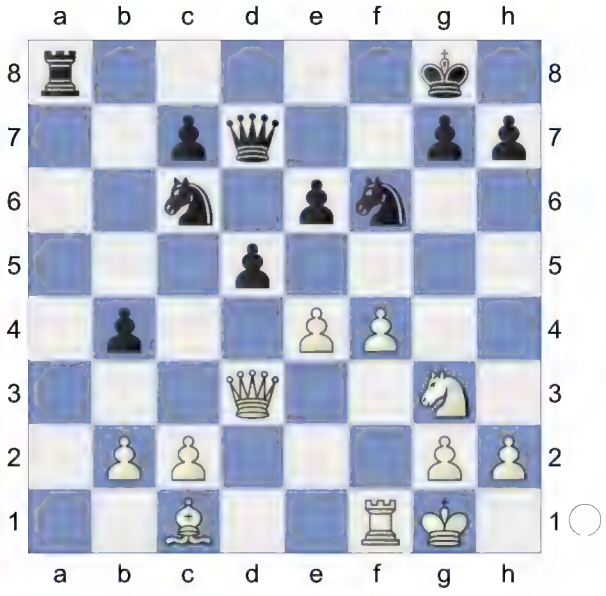
**13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.axb5 axb5 15.f4 Nc6** A dynamic duo of knights. **16.Qd3 b4 17.Ne2 d5 18.Ra6** 0.07/21

[ 18.e5± 0.46/24 Nd7 19.Be3 ]

**18...Qd7** 0.49/23

[ 18...dxe4= 0.07/21 19.Qc4 Ne7 ]

**19.Ng3± Ra8 20.Rxa8 Rxa8**



**21.e5 Ng4 22.h3** 0.76/22

[ 22.Ne4 1.30/23 ]

**22...Nh6± 23.Be3 d4** 1.29/23

[Better is 23...Ra5± 0.70/19 ]

**24.Bf2** 0.61/24

[ 24.Rd1± 1.29/23 ]

**24...Qd5± 25.b3 Ra2 26.Re1** -0.01/20

[White should play 26.Rc1± 0.73/25 ]

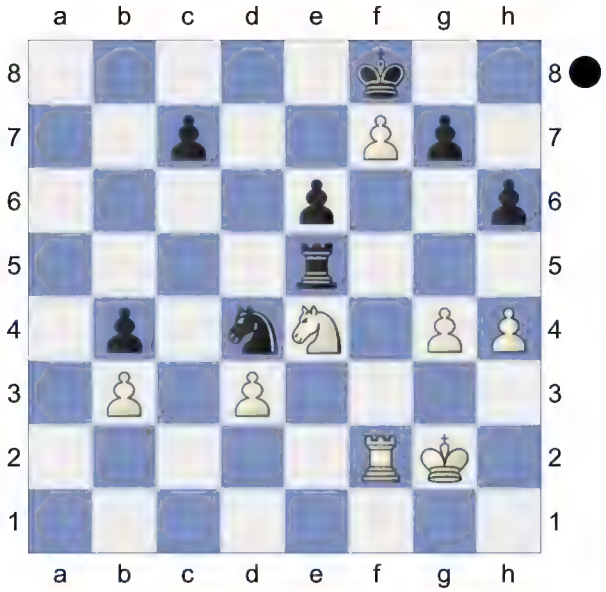
**26...Ne7!= 27.Ne4 Nhf5 28.g4 Ne3 29.Bxe3 dxe3 30.Rxe3 h6 31.Rf3 Qxd3 32.cxd3** Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **32...Nc6 33.Rf2 Ra1+ 34.Kg2 Nd4** Repels Rc2 **35.f5 Ra5 36.f6**

[ 36.fxe6 simplifies Rxe5 37.Nc5 Nxe6 38.Nxe6 Rxe6 39.Rf4 ]

**36...Rxe5 37.f7+** -0.52/25

[ 37.fxg7= -0.01/23 Kxg7 *( 37...Nxb3 38.Nf6+ Kxg7 39.Nh5+ Kg6 40.h4= )* 38.Rf1 ]

**37...Kf8∓ 38.h4**



**Nxb3** -0.50/26

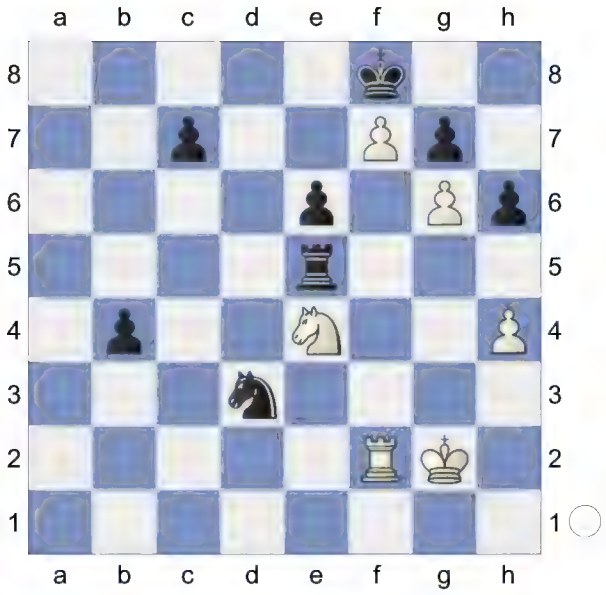
[ 38...Rd5!∓ -1.29/21 39.Ra2 Kxf7 *( 39...Nxb3 40.Ra7∓ )*]

**39.g5!** and g6 would now be decisive

**39...Nc5 40.g6 Nxd3** 0.01/23

[ 40...b3!∓ -0.44/30 should be considered. 41.Nxc5 Rxc5 ]

(Diagram)

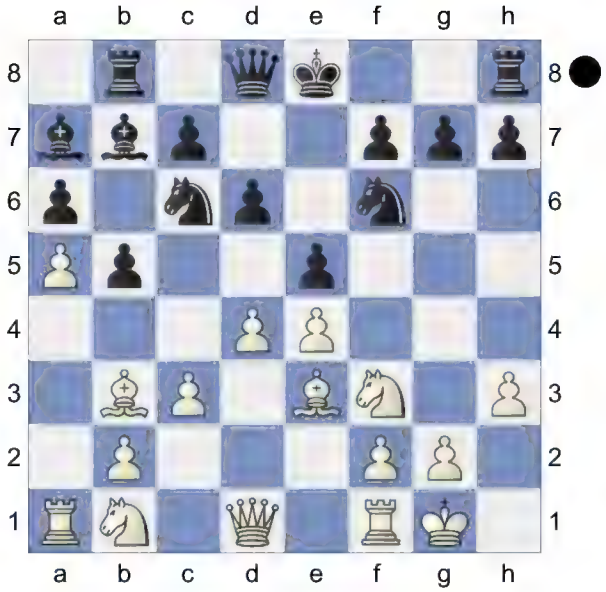


**41.Nf6!⇄** White is fighting back **41...gxf6 42.Rxf6 Re2+ 43.Kg3** Intending g7+! and mate.
[ 43.Kg1!? Re1+□ 44.Kg2 Re2+ 45.Kg1= ]
**43...Re3+ 44.Kg4?** -9.83/23
[ 44.Kh2= 0.01/25 Re2+ 45.Kg1 Re1+ 46.Kh2 Re2+ ]
**44...Ne5+-+ 45.Kf4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
**45...Nd7!**
**0-1**

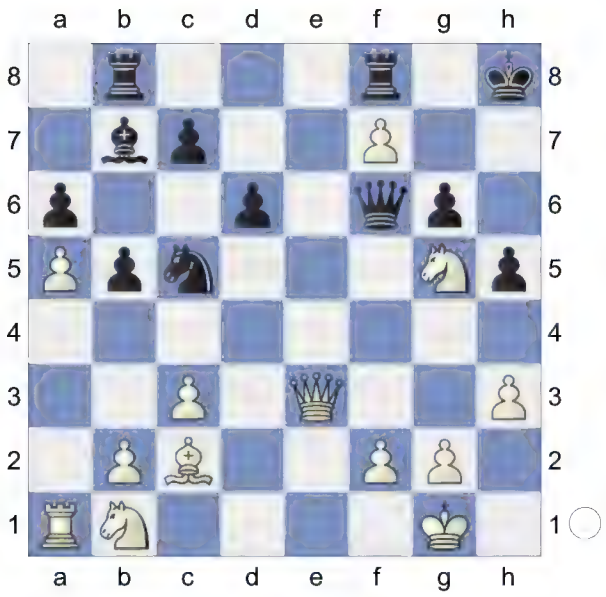
**61** **C78**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2724**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2660**
Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early b..
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8!?** Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **8.c3 d6 9.d4N Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3** Dodges Bg4

**11...Bb7 12.Be3**



White is slightly better. **12...Nxe4 13.Re1 Ne7N** 0.79/25
[ 13...exd4± 0.35/23 14.cxd4 *( 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 14...d5 ]
**14.dxe5** 0.22/21
[White should play 14.Nbd2± 0.79/25 ]
**14...Bxe3= 15.Rxe3 0-0 16.Bc2 Nc5** The position is equal. **17.Nbd2**
[ 17.Ng5 g6 18.Qg4 -0.40/21 Prevents Nf5. *( 18.b4=* -0.01/23 *Nf5 19.Bxf5 Qxg5 20.Bg4 )* 18...h5 0.43/23 *( 18...dxe5∓* -0.40/21 *19.Rxe5 Qd6 )* 19.Qg3± Nd5 ½-½ (48) Koneru,H (2586)-Kosteniuk, A (2516) Warsaw 2021 20.e6 Nxe3 1.04/26 *( 20...f5!±* 0.66/23 should be considered. *21.Re1 Qf6 )* 21.exf7+ Kh8 2.21/25 *( 21...Rxf7±* 1.32/26 *22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.fxe3 Qf6 )* 22.Qxe3+- Intending Qd4+ and mate. Qf6



23.Nd2! Kg7 3.67/24 *( 23...Qe5* 2.34/22 might work better. *24.Qxe5+ dxe5 )* 24.b4+- Nd7 25.Ne6+ Kxf7 26.Bb3 Threatens to win with Nc5+. Kg8? 7.56/24 *( 26...Rfe8* 2.97/23 *)* 27.Nc5+ ]

**17...Nd5 18.Re1 Nf4 19.Ne4 Re8 20.b4 Nxe4**

[ 20...Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Rxe4 dxe5 23.Nxe5 Nxh3+ 24.gxh3 Qg5+ ]

**21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4**

[ 22.Kh2 seems wilder. Bxf3 23.Qxf3 dxe5 24.Rad1 ]

**22...dxe5 23.Nxe5 Nxh3+! 24.gxh3 Qg5+ 25.Kh1! Rxe5 26.f4⇄**

White puts up resistance **26...Qf5**

[ 26...Rxe4? 27.fxg5 Re3 28.Qd7+- ]

**27.Rxe5**

[ 27.fxe5? is the wrong capture. Qxe4+ 28.Kg1 Qe3+ *( 28...Qxe5? 29.Qd3-+ )* 29.Kg2 Qxc3-+ ]

**27...Qxh3+** Predecessor: **28.Kg1 Qg3+ 29.Kh1 Qh3+ 30.Kg1 Qg3+ 31.Kh1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

**31...Qh3+** Loss on time!?

**0-1**

**62** **C78**

□ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2705**

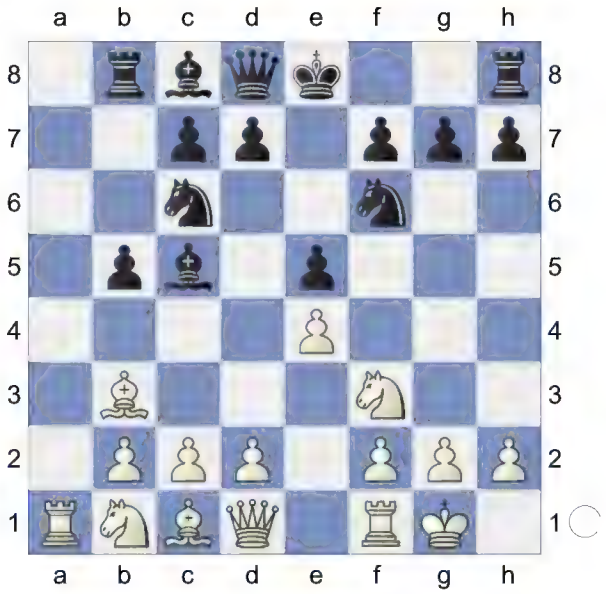
■ **Moroni,Luca** **2581**

7th Sharjah Masters 2024 (1.7) 14.05.24

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5**



**9.Nxe5!** Remove Defender, Deflection

**9...Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4**

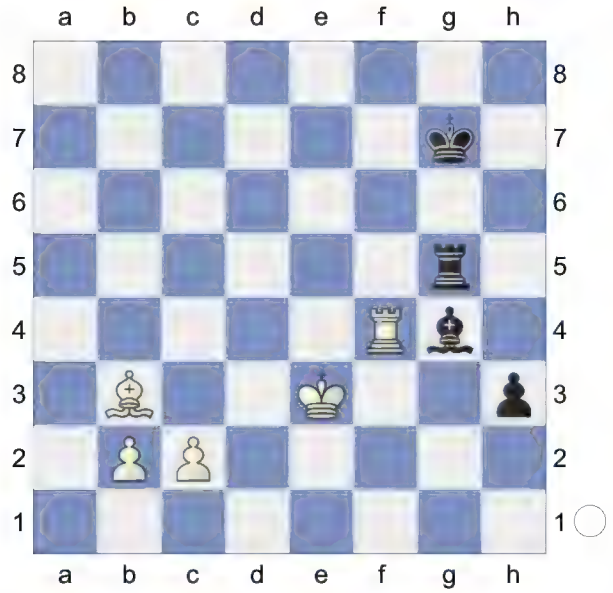
White is slightly better. **11...d6 12.f4!**

[ 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bg4 26.Nd4 Qb6 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]

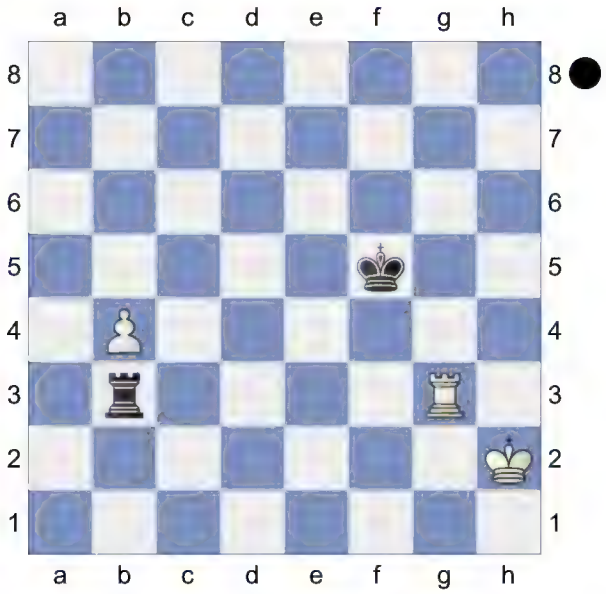
**12...Nc6 13.Qd3N**

[ 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 ]

**13...0-0 14.Nc3 Re8 15.e5!**
[ 15.Nxb5 Nxe4 16.Qc4 Qd7= ]
**15...dxe5 16.Qxd8 Nxd8 17.fxe5 Rxe5 18.Bf4 Rc5 19.Be3** A strong pair of Bishops. **19...Rf5 20.Ba7 Ra8 21.Rxf5 Bxf5 22.Nxb5 Nc6 23.Ra4 h5 24.h3**
[ 24.Nxc7? too greedy. Rxa7 25.Rxa7 Nxa7-+ ]
**24...Nxa7 25.Nxc7 Rd8 26.Rxa7 Rd1+ 27.Kf2**
[ 27.Kh2 Kh7 ]
**27...Rd2+ 28.Ke1 Rxg2 29.Nd5 Bxh3 30.Nxf6+ gxf6 31.Rxf7=** Endgame KRB-KRB
[ Of course not 31.Bxf7+ Kh8∓ ]
**31...Bg4 32.Kf1 Bh3 33.Ke1 Bg4 34.Rxf6+ Kg7 35.Rf4 Kh6**
[ 35...h4 36.Bd5 Re2+ 37.Kf1 ]
**36.Kf1 Bh3 37.Rf2 Rg5+ 38.Ke2 h4 39.Rf6+ Kg7 40.Rf4 Bg4+ 41.Ke3 h3**



aiming for ...h2. **42.Bd5!** Deflection **42...h2! 43.Bh1** Black must now prevent Kd2. **43...Bf5 44.Rf2 Rh5** The position is equal.
[ 44...Rg1 45.Rxh2 Bxc2 46.Rxc2 Rxh1 47.Kd4 Kf6 ]
**45.Kf4 Kf6 46.c3 Rh4+ 47.Kg3 Rh3+ 48.Kg2** Rxf5+! would kill now. **48...Rh8 49.Re2 Kg5 50.Kg3 Rh3+ 51.Kf2 Kf4 52.Rd2 Bg4 53.Rd4+ Kg5 54.Rd8 Rf3+ 55.Kg2 Re3 56.Rd2 Rh3 57.Rf2 Rh8 58.b4 Rc8 59.Rc2 Bf5 60.Rc1 Be4+**
[ 60...Kf4 simplifies 61.Kxh2 Ke3 62.Rf1 Be4 ]
**61.Kg3** Discovered Attack **61...Bxh1 62.Rxh1 Rxc3+ 63.Kxh2 Rb3 64.Rg1+ Kf5 65.Rg3**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
**65...Ke5?** #14/30 An unexpected result.
**½-½**

**63** **C78**
□ **Grandelius,Nils** **2689**
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2616**
FIDE Grand Swiss (5) 29.10.2023
*[Mon Hokmome]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6 11.h3 Re8 12.Bc2**

[ 12.Re1 Rb8 13.a3 Na5 14.Ba2 exd4 15.Bxd4 Nc6 16.Bxb6 Rxb6 17.c4 b4 18.c5 dxc5 19.e5 Nh7 20.Ne4 Qxd1 21.Raxd1 b3 22.Bb1 c4 23.Nc3 Nf8 24.Be4 Ne7 25.Na4 Rb5 26.Nd4 Ra5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2731)-Grube,J (2793) Moscow 2015 CS: Giants of Power Play [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (44) ]

**12...Rb8N**

[ 12...exd4 13.cxd4 Na5

**A)** 14.Re1 Bb7 15.d5 *( 15.Qb1 Nc4 16.Nxc4 bxc4 17.d5 c6* Lesson 21: Spanish 5... b5 6.- Spanish 5... b5 6. Bb3 Bc5,9*)* 15...c6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6 17.b4 Nc4 18.Nxc4 bxc4 19.dxc6 Bxc6 20.Qxd6 Rad8 21.Qf4 Qxb4 22.e5 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Nd7 24.Rad1 Nc5 25.Qf5 g6 26.Qf4 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Qc3 25. Ruy Lopez Arkhangelsk II:,8-9.Be3 O-O 10. Nbd2 h6 11. h3 R;

**B)** 14.a4 Bb7 15.b4 Nc4 16.Nxc4 bxc4 17.a5 Ba7 18.Qe2 Nxe4 19.Qxc4 Nf6 25. Ruy Lopez Arkhangelsk II:,8-9.Be3 O-O 10. Nbd2 h6 11. h3 R ]

**13.Rc1** 0.04/19

[ 13.Re1± 0.41/19 ]

**13...Bb7= 14.d5** The position is equal.

**14...Bxe3 15.fxe3 Ne7 16.Nh4 Nh7! 17.Qh5 Rf8 18.Rf2 Qe8** 0.41/19

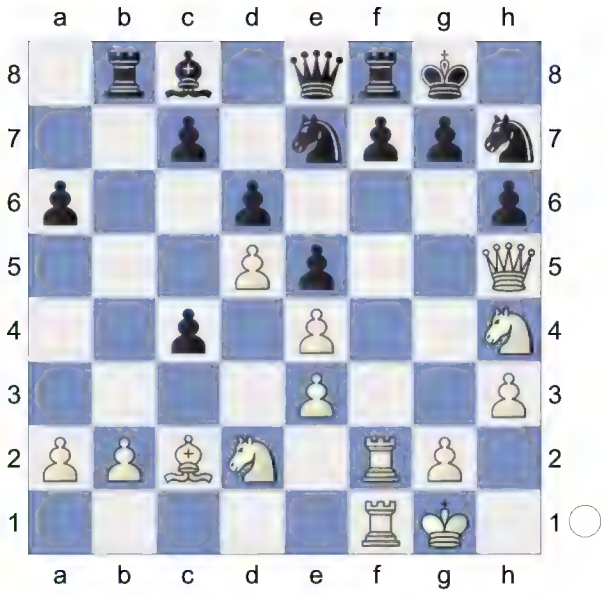
[ 18...c6= -0.01/19 deserves consideration. ]

**19.Rcf1** 0.08/19

[ 19.c4± 0.41/19 feels stronger. ]

**19...Bc8 20.c4 bxc4**

(Diagram)



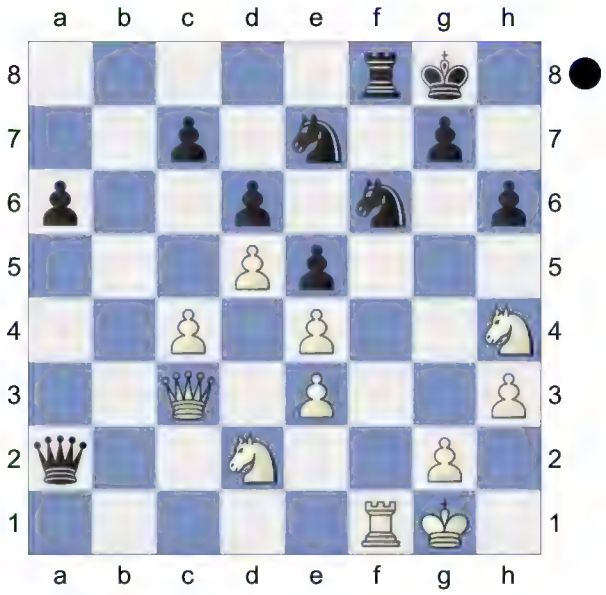
**21.Ba4!** -0.25/23 **Bd7**

[ 21...Bg4!? 22.Qxg4 *( 22.hxg4 Qxa4 23.Rxf7 Rbe8= )* 22...Qxa4∓ ]

**22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Rxf7 Nf6 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Qd1 c3⇄** Black is fighting back

**26.bxc3 Qb5 27.c4 Qb2 28.Qc1 Qxa2 29.Qc3?** -1.68/26

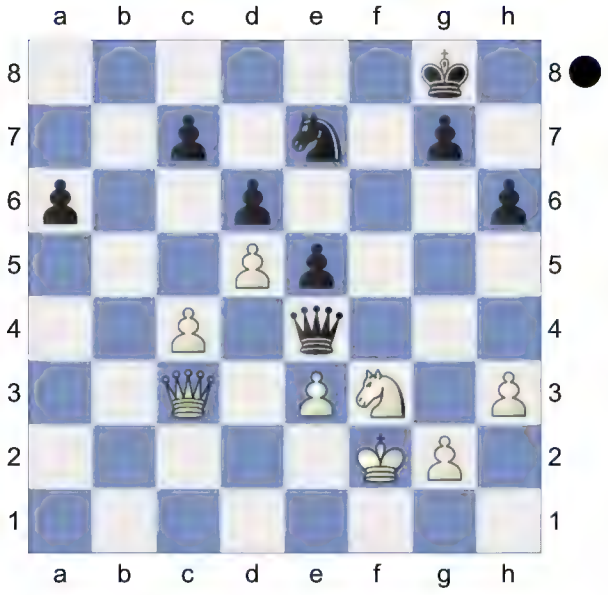
[ 29.Nhf3= 0.28/22 and White is okay. ]



**29...Nxe4!-+ 30.Nxe4** -2.31/25

[ 30.Rxf8+ -1.73/27 might work better. Kxf8 31.Nxe4 Qb1+ 32.Kf2 Qxe4

33.Nf3 ]
**30...Rxf1+ 31.Kxf1** Hoping for Qc3-d3. **31...Qb1+ 32.Kf2** Ne4-d2 is the strong threat. **32...Qxe4 33.Nf3**



**Qb1! 34.Qa5** -2.86/22
[ ⌓34.Nd2 -1.71/21 Qd1 35.Nf3 ]
**34...Qc2+ 35.Nd2 Kh7 36.Ke2 e4 37.Qa3** Inhibits Qc2-d3+. **37...Nf5** aiming for ...a6-a5! **38.g4?** -4.31/27
[ 38.Qb3 -2.29/20 Qc1 39.Nxe4 ]
**38...Ng3+ 39.Ke1 a5** Strongly threatening ...a5-a4. **40.Qb3 Qd3**
[Don't go for 40...Qc1+? 41.Qd1 Qxd1+ 42.Kxd1-+ ]
**41.Qxd3 exd3** Endgame KN-KN **42.Kf2 Ne2** White must now prevent ...a5-a4. Black is clearly winning. **43.e4 a4 44.Ke3 a3 45.Nb3** Against Ne2-c1 **45...a2 46.e5 dxe5** And now ...Ne2-d4! would win.
[Stronger than 46...Nc1 47.Na1∓ ]
**47.c5 Nd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.04 (flawless)
**0-1**

**64** **C78**
□ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2614**
■ **Lobanov,Sergei** **2548**
RUS-ch Higher League 77th (5) 01.07.25
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** 6...Bb7 is the modern continuation.6...Lb7 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7.a4 Rb8 8.Nxe5N**
[ 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 *( 12.f4 Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6* Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 *)* 12...c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.

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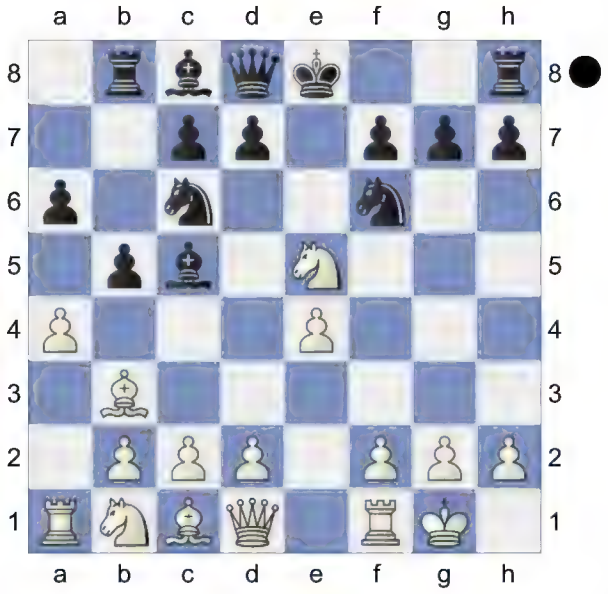
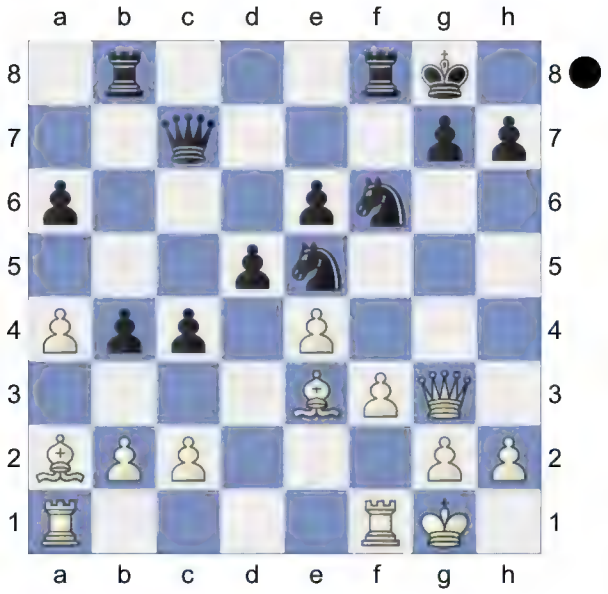


Deflection **8...Nxe5 9.d4 Bxd4** White is slightly better. **10.Qxd4 d6 11.f3 c5 12.Qf2 0-0 13.Nc3 b4 14.Ne2** **Be6N**

[ 14...h6 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.h3 a5 17.Be3 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Bf4! Rbd8 20.Qe3 Qc8 ½-½ (27) Van Bommel,T-Gutow,P (2077) W-ch WS/H/931 email 2022 ]

**15.Nf4 c4 16.Ba2 Qc7 17.Be3 d5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Qg3**



Dodges Nfg4 **19...Rbc8 20.Bd4 Nc6 21.Qxc7 Rxc7 22.Bc5** And now Bd6 would win. **22...Re8 23.Rad1 Rcc8 24.Rfe1 a5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

**25.Bf2**

**½-½**

**65** **C78**

□ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2624**

■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**

Global Chess League rapid (10.6) 1.7.23

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5**

[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.h3** Inhibits Bg4. **11...0-0**

[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]

**12.Be3** White is slightly better.

**12...Ra8N 13.Nbd2 h6** 0.63/23

[ 13...Bb7= 0.22/21 should be considered. ]

**14.Re1± Re8**

[ 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bb7 19.Rc1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxd4 21.Qh5 Nd5 *( 21...Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nc5 Qd2 25.Rd1 Rae8 26.Rxd2 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 c5 28.f4 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc5 b4 32.b3 Rc8 33.Nxa6 cxb3 34.Bxb3 R1c3 35.Rb2* (37) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 22.Rf3 Qe7 *( 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qe7 24.Qd4 Qb4 25.Rd3* (27) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 23.Nxf7 Qxe4 24.Rxc7 Nf4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nxe4 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxb7 (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**15.Bc2 Bb7 16.Bb1!?** 0.09/20
Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[ 16.Ra3± 0.58/20 ]

**16...Nb8= 17.d5!?N** An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.
[Predecessor: 17.c4 exd4! 18.Bxd4 bxc4 0.25/22 *( ⌓18...Bxd4* -0.17/22 *19.Nxd4 c5 )* 19.Bxa7= Rxa7 20.Ra3 Nbd7 21.Nd4 -0.01/21 *( 21.Rae3±* 0.37/20 *)* 21...Ne5= 22.Rg3 and Nf5 should not be overlooked g6! 23.f4 ½-½ Gashimov,V (2761)-Caruana,F (2736) Tata Steel-A 74th 2012 (7) ]

**17...c6 18.dxc6** -0.26/24
[ ⌓18.Bxa7 0.18/23 Rxa7 19.c4 ]

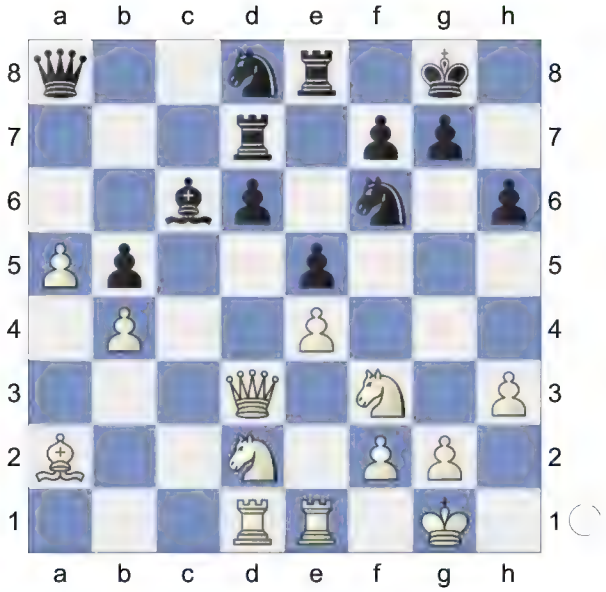
**18...Nxc6= 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.b4 Bc8 21.Ba2 Rd7 22.Qb3 Bb7** 0.24/20
[ 22...Rc7∓ -0.33/21 ]

**23.Rad1 Qa8** 0.61/20
[ 23...Rc7= 0.19/20 ]

**24.c4± Na7 25.Qe3 Nc6 26.Qb3** 0.01/21
[ 26.Qa3± 0.77/21 ]

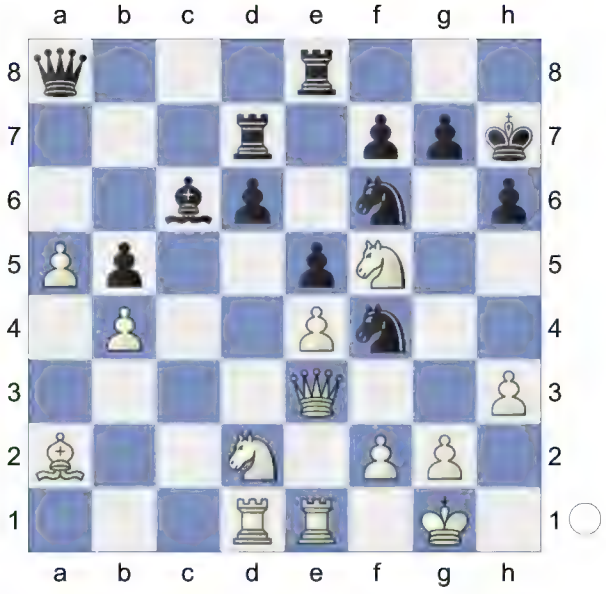
**26...Nd8** 0.86/21
[ 26...Na7!= 0.01/21 remains equal. ]

**27.cxb5 axb5 28.Qd3 Bc6**



**29.Nh4! Ne6 30.Nf5 Kh7 31.Qe3** 0.82/19 White is more active.
[ 31.Nxd6? Nf4 32.Qc2 Rxd6-+ ]
[Better is 31.Bxe6 1.20/22 Rxe6 32.Qc2 ]

**31...Nf4±**



**32.Ng3! d5 33.Nb3 d4** 1.88/24
[ 33...Rc7± 0.76/18 ]

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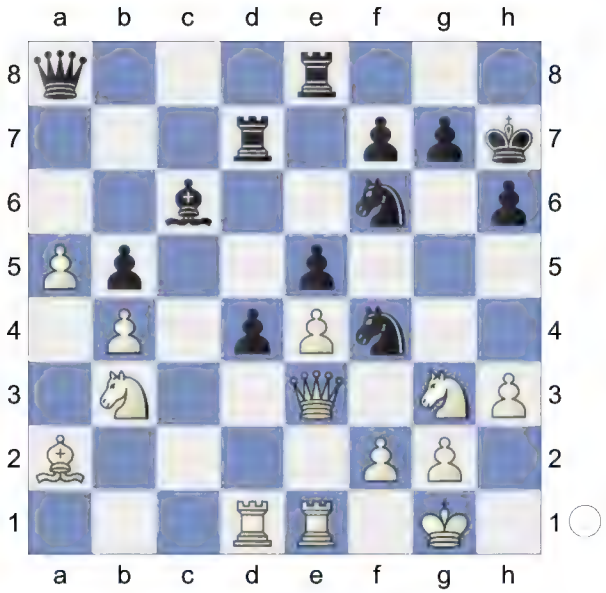

**34.Nxd4!+- Nxg2**
[ 34...Red8 35.Nxc6 ]
**35.Kxg2 exd4 36.Rxd4 Nxe4** 3.22/28
[ 36...Rxd4 37.Qxd4 Nxe4 38.Nxe4± *( 38.Bxf7? Nxg3+ 39.Kxg3 Rxe1-+ )*]
[ 36...Nd5 1.93/20 37.Qd2 *( 37.Bxd5 Rxd5 38.Rxd5 Bxd5±; 37.Rxd5 Bxd5 38.Bxd5 Rxd5∓* Pin *)* 37...Nf4+ 38.Kh2 *( 38.Qxf4 Rxd4 39.Bxf7 Rf8∓ )* 38...Rxd4 39.Qxd4 Qd8 ]
**37.Nxe4**
[ 37.Rxe4? f5 38.f3 fxe4-+ ]
**37...Rxd4 38.Qxd4 f5**
[ 38...Bxe4+?! 39.Rxe4 Rxe4 *( 39...Qxe4+? 40.Qxe4+ Rxe4 41.Bb1+-* Pin *)* 40.Bb1± ]

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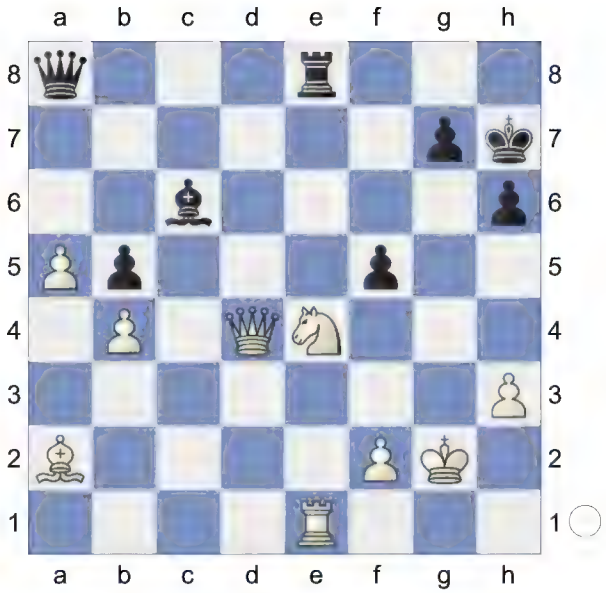


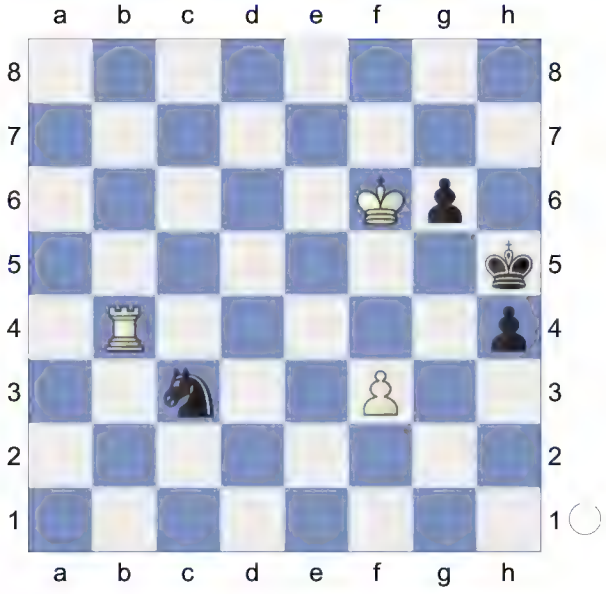
Repels f3 **39.f3 fxe4 40.Bb1 Kh8 41.Bxe4**
[ 41.fxe4 Rd8 42.Qe3 Qb8= ]
**41...Qb8?** 7.55/23
[ 41...Re6 2.70/24 42.Kf2 Qb8 ]
**42.Qb6**
[ 42.a6 Qf4± ]
**42...Qxb6 43.axb6 Bxe4 44.Rxe4**
Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
[ Not 44.fxe4 Re6± ]
**44...Rb8 45.Re6 Kg8 46.f4 Kf7 47.f5 Rd8 48.b7 Rb8 49.Rb6 Ke7 50.Kf3 Kd8 51.Rxb5 Kc7 52.Re5 Kd7** Prevents Re7+ **53.b5 Rxb7 54.Kg4 Rb6 55.Kh5 Rf6 56.h4 Kd8 57.Kg4 Rb6** 5.66/26
[ 57...g6 2.70/30 might work better. 58.fxg6 Rxg6+ 59.Kf5 Rd6 ]
**58.h5 Kd7?** 5.82/33
[ 58...Rd6 3.61/30 59.Kf3 Rd1 ]
**59.Kf4 Rb7** 5.37/34
[ ⌓59...Kc8 3.78/31 60.Re8+ Kd7 ]
**60.Ke4 Rb8 61.Kd4 Rf8 62.b6 Kc8 63.Kc5 Rf7 64.Kc6 Rf8** Prevents Re8+. **65.b7+ Kb8 66.Kb6 Rd8 67.Re6 Rf8 68.Rd6** 19.94/33
[ ⌓68.Kc6 #18/35 Rf6 69.Rxf6 gxf6 70.Kd6 Kxb7 71.Ke6 Kc7 72.Kxf6

Kd6 73.Kg7 ]
**68...Re8 69.Kc6 Rf8 70.Re6 Rd8 71.f6 gxf6 72.Rxf6 Rh8 73.Rd6 Rf8 74.Rxh6 Ka7 75.Rd6 Rf1 76.Rd5 Rf6+ 77.Kc7** White threatens Ra5+ and mate. **77...Rf7+ 78.Rd7 Rf8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.47
**79.h6**
**1-0**

**66** **C78**
□ **Neumann,J.** **2637**
■ **Ferragut,Arnaldo** **2708**
Leningrad-ch31 (7) 25.11.2022
*[Kitty Kat]*

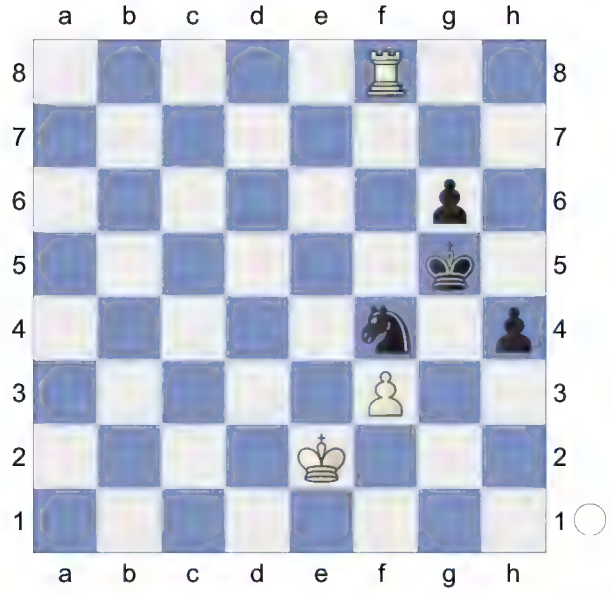
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 0-0 12.Re1** White is slightly better. **12...Bb7 13.Be3 exd4**
[ 13...Nxe4 14.d5± ]
**14.cxd4 Ne7**
[ 14...Nxe4? 15.d5+- ]
**15.d5N** 0.03/20
[ 15.e5⩲ 0.50/20 Nfd5 16.Bg5 dxe5 17.dxe5 Re8 18.Nc3 *( 18.Nbd2 h6 19.Ne4 Nb4 20.Nd6 cxd6 21.exd6 hxg5 22.Nxg5 Bxf2+ 23.Kh1 Bxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Ned5 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Qxd5 Bh4 28.Ne4 Rc8 29.d7 Rc2+ 30.Kf3 Qd8 31.b4 Be7 32.Rd1 Bxb4* 1-0 9.♕c3 c5 10.♖d1_69014 (2272)-Radchenko,S (2252) European Club Cup, Antalya 2017 (7.5)) 18...Nb4 19.Qe2 Qd3 20.Rad1 Qxe2 21.Rxe2 Cueto,J-N,N Menorca op 2nd 2023 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Nec6 23.e6 fxe6 24.Bxe6+ Kh8 25.Re4 Nxa5 26.Bf4 Bb6 27.Rd7 Nac6 28.Nd5 Nd3 29.Bxc7 Bxc7 30.Nxc7 Nce5 31.Nxe8 Nxd7 32.Bxd7 Nc5 Bettalli,C-Aronin,P URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 ]
**15...Bxe3= 16.Rxe3 c6 17.dxc6** -0.24/24
[ ⌓17.Nc3 0.14/24 ]
**17...Bxc6** 0.51/22
[ 17...Nxc6= -0.24/24 18.Nc3 Nxa5 ]
**18.Nbd2 Ng6 19.Qe1**
[ 19.Bc2 -0.18/22 19.Nd4 0.33 Re8 20.Re1 Bb7 21.b4 Nh5 22.Ra3 Nhf4 23.Nf1 Qf6 24.Ng3 Rbd8 25.Rae3 ]
**19...Re8! 20.Ng5 Re7** 0.66/20
[ 20...d5= 0.28/23 deserves consideration. ]
**21.Ndf3⩲** aiming for Rd1. **21...h6** 1.02/23
[ 21...Be8⩲ 0.62/22 was preferrable. ]
**22.Nd4** 0.51/21
[ 22.Nxf7± 1.02/23 Rxf7 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Rd1 ]
**22...Bb7 23.Nxf7 Rxf7 24.Bxf7+**
[ 24.Rg3 simplifies Bxe4 25.f3 Bd5 26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Rxg6 Qd7 28.Re6 ]
**24...Kxf7 25.Nf5** 0.00/20
[ 25.Rd1⩲ 0.36/20 ]
**25...Qd7** 0.43/19
[ 25...Ne7= 0.00/20 is more appropriate. ]
**26.Rd1! Nxe4** 0.92/21
[ 26...d5!⩲ 0.39/22 ]
**27.Nd4?** -1.83/22
[ 27.g4!± 0.92/21 is forced if you want to stay better. Ne5 28.Qe2 *( 28.Rxe4? Nf3+ 29.Kf1 Nxe1-+; 28.f4 Nc4± )*]
**27...Re8** -1.36/21
[ 27...Nf6-+ -1.83/22 28.Ne2 Kg8 ]
**28.Rc1** -1.73/23
[ 28.Nb3∓ -1.36/21 ]

**28...Re7** -1.32/25
[ 28...Re5-+ -1.73/23 ...Nf4 is the strong threat. 29.f3 Nc5 ]
**29.f3 Nf6 30.Rxe7+ Nxe7 31.Qd2 Kg8 32.Qc2 Nfd5** Wards off Qc7
**33.Re1 Qd8** -1.14/18
[ ⩲33...Bc8 -1.60/19 34.Kh2 Qe8 ]
**34.b4** -2.16/21 **Nxb4-+ 35.Qe2** -3.09/22
[ 35.Qb2 -1.89/20 might work better. Nec6 36.Nf5 ]
**35...Nbd5 36.Qe6+ Kh7 37.Qf7** -3.94/23
[ ⩲37.Nf5 -2.48/19 Nxf5 38.Qxf5+ Kh8 39.Qe6 ]
**37...Qxa5 38.Re4 Qc3?** -0.23/20
[ 38...Bc8-+ -3.87/21 39.f4 Qc3 ]
**39.Kh2?** -3.84/22
[ 39.Ne6!= -0.23/20 and White is okay. Kh8 40.Qe8+ Ng8 41.Nf8 ]
**39...Ne3?** 0.00/26
[Better is 39...Bc8-+ -3.84/22 Strongly threatening ...b4. 40.f4 Qd3 ]
**40.Rxe7** -0.66/24
[ 40.Ne2= 0.00/26 Nf1+ 41.Kh1 Ng3+ 42.Kh2 Nf1+ *( 42...Nxe2? 43.Rxe7 Bc6 44.Qf5+ Kg8 45.Rc7+- )* 43.Kh1 Ng3+ 44.Kh2 Nf1+ *( 44...Nxe2? 45.Rxe7 Bc8 46.Rxe2+- )*]
**40...Qxd4∓ 41.Rxb7=** -10.12/22 Endgame. KQR-KQN
[ 41.Re6∓ -0.35/19 Bd5 42.Qg6+ Kh8 43.Re8+ *( 43.Qe8+ Kh7= )* 43...Bg8 44.Qf7 Nf1+ 45.Kh1 Ng3+ 46.Kh2 Nf1+ 47.Kh1 Ng3+ 48.Kh2 Nf1+ ]
**41...Qb2** -4.60/19
[ ⩲41...Qe5+ -10.12/22 42.Kh1 Qb2 *( 42...Qg3 43.Qa2= )* 43.Qxg7+ Qxg7 44.Rxg7+ Kxg7 ]
**42.Kg3-+ Qxg2+ 43.Kf4 Qg5+ 44.Ke4 Qe5+ 45.Kd3 Nd5** -1.29/21 Repels Re7
[ 45...Nc4-+ -4.73/20 ( → ...Qe3+) 46.Re7 Qg5 ]
**46.Kd2** -2.06/22
[ 46.Rb8∓ -1.29/21 was called for. ]
**46...Qf4+?** 0.00/30
[Black should play 46...h5-+ -2.06/22 ...a5 would now be deadly. 47.h4 a5 ]
**47.Qxf4= Nxf4** KR-KN **48.h4 Ng6 49.h5 Nf4 50.Rb6 Nxh5 51.Rxd6 Nf4 52.Rxa6 h5 53.Ke3 Nd5+ 54.Kd4 Nf6 55.Ke5 Kg6 56.Kf4 Kf7?** 2.44/27
[ 56...h4= 0.00/37 and Black stays safe. ]
**57.Ra7+?** 0.01/21
[Only move: 57.Kg5+- 2.44/27 ]
**57...Kg6 58.Rb7 b4 59.Ke5 h4 60.Rxb4 Kg5 61.Rb7 Nh5 62.Rb1 Ng3?** 7.24/35
[ 62...g6= 0.00/30 ]
**63.Rb4+- Kh5 64.Kf4?** 0.00/46
[ 64.Rg4+- 6.06/33 Kh6 65.Rxh4+ Nh5 66.f4 ]
**64...Ne2+ 65.Kf5 Ng3+ 66.Kf4** Hoping for Rb5+. **66...Ne2+ 67.Kf5 g6+ 68.Kf6** White wants to mate with Rb8.
**68...Nc3?** 4.36/35
[ 68...h3= 0.00/32 ]




**69.Rb8?** 0.01/25
[White has to play 69.Rb3!+- 4.36/35 ]

**69...Nd5+= 70.Ke5 Nf4?** 28.11/25
**71.Rh8+?** 0.00/39
[ 71.Kxf4+- 28.11/25 Kh6 72.Rh8+ Skewer Kg7 73.Rxh4 Kf6 74.Rh2 g5+ 75.Kg4 Kg6 76.Rd2 ]
**71...Kg5 72.Rf8 Nd3+**
[ 72...h3!? 73.Rh8□ *( 73.Rxf4? h2-+ )* 73...Nh5= ]
**73.Ke4 Nf2+ 74.Ke3 Nh3 75.Ke2 Nf4+**



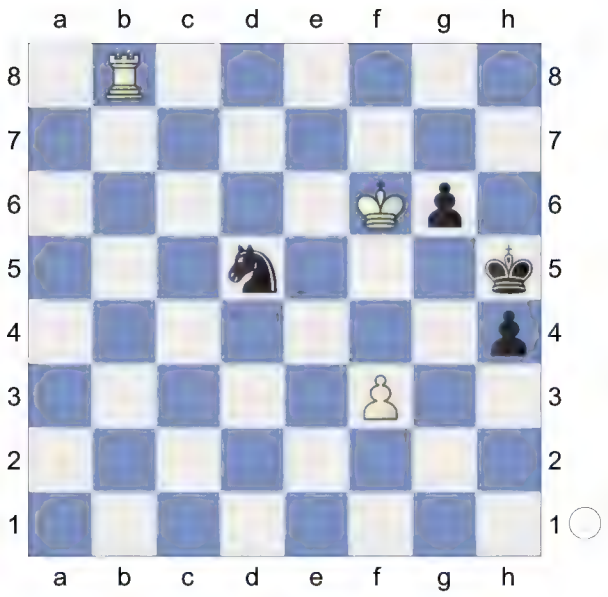
**76.Rxf4??** -#63/13 **Kxf4** KPP-KP
**77.Kf2 g5** -75.61/27
[ ⌓77...h3 -#16/25 78.Kg1 Kg3 *( 78...Kxf3 79.Kh2 Kg4 80.Kg1 Kg3 81.Kh1 g5 82.Kg1 Kf3 83.Kf1 h2 84.Ke1 Ke3 85.Kd1 h1Q+ 86.Kc2 Kd4 87.Kb2 Qd1 88.Ka3 Kc3 89.Ka2 Qc2+ 90.Ka3 Qb3# )* 79.Kf1 Kxf3 *( 79...h2 80.Ke2 h1Q 81.Kd3 Qxf3+ 82.Kc4 Qc6+ 83.Kb3 Kf4 84.Ka3 Qb5 85.Ka2 Ke4 86.Ka1 Kd3 87.Ka2 Kc3 88.Ka3 Qb3# )* 80.Kg1 g5 81.Kf1 h2 82.Ke1 Ke3 *( 82...h1R+* is a self mate. *83.Kd2 g4 84.Kc3 g3 85.Kd3 g2 86.Kd4 g1Q+ 87.Kd5 Qb6 88.Kc4 Rc1+ 89.Kd5 Rc5+ 90.Kd4 Qd6# )* 83.Kd1 h1Q+ *( 83...h1R+ 84.Kc2 g4 85.Kc3 g3 86.Kb4 g2 87.Kc5 g1Q 88.Kd6 Qg6+ 89.Kc5 Rh5+ 90.Kc4 Qb6 91.Kc3 Rc5# )* 84.Kc2 Kd4 85.Kb2 Kd3 86.Ka3 Kc3 87.Ka4 Qd5 88.Ka3 Qb3# ]
**78.Kg2 g4?** 0.00/26
[ 78...Ke3 -#15/22 mates 79.Kh2 Kxf3 80.Kh3 g4+ 81.Kxh4 Kf4 82.Kh5 g3 83.Kg6 g2 84.Kf6 g1Q *( 84...g1R 85.Ke7 Rd1 86.Ke6 Rd4 87.Kf6 Re4 88.Kg6 Re6+ 89.Kg7 Kg5 90.Kf7 Re4 91.Kg7 Rf4 92.Kh8 Kh6 93.Kg8 Kg6 94.Kh8 Rf8# )* 85.Ke6 Qd4 86.Kf7 Qe3 87.Kf8 Kf5 88.Kg8 Qe7 89.Kh8 Kg6 90.Kg8 Qg7# ]
**79.Kg1?** -#10/23
[ 79.fxg4= 0.00/26 Kxg4 80.Kh2 ]
**79...g3 80.Kf1 h3 81.Kg1 Kxf3** KP-KP **82.Kh1 Kf4 83.Kg1 Kg4 84.Kh1 Kg5** -14.59/5
[ ⌓84...Kf3 -#6/24 85.Kg1 g2 *( 85...h2+* leads to mate. *86.Kh1 g2+ 87.Kxh2 Kf2 88.Kh3 g1Q 89.Kh4 Qg6 90.Kh3 Qh5# )* 86.Kh2 Kf2 87.Kxh3 g1Q *( 87...g1R* gets mated. *88.Kh4 Kf3 89.Kh5 Kf4 90.Kh6 Kf5 91.Kh7 Kf6 92.Kh8 Kf7 93.Kh7 Rh1# )* 88.Kh4 Qg6 89.Kh3 Qh5# ]
**85.Kg1-+ Kh4** Black mates. **86.Kf1 g2+ 87.Kg1 Kg4 88.Kh2 Kf4 89.Kg1 Kf3 90.Kh2 Kf2 91.Kxh3 g1Q 92.Kh4 Qg3+** -10.23/5 Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.71
[ ⌓92...Qg6 -#2/66 93.Kh3 Qh5# ]
**0-1**

**67** **C78**
□ **Pichot,Alan** **2637**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2708**
MrDodgy Online Inv Gp-A 3rd blitz (7)
*[Kitty Kat]*

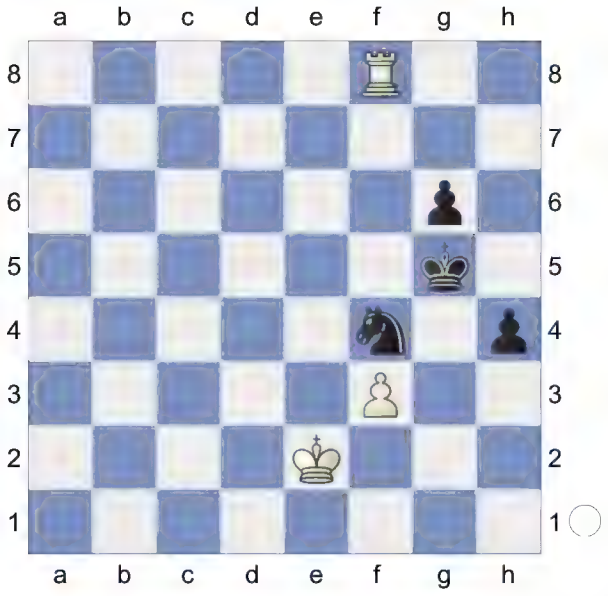
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4** 9.Be3 is the hot move. 9.Le3 ist der hippe Zug. **9...Rb8 10.a5**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3** Prevents Bg4. **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Re1N** 0.01/21
[ 12.Be3!± 0.39/22 Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**12...Bb7!= 13.Be3 exd4**
[ 13...Nxe4 14.d5± ]
**14.cxd4 Ne7** 0.48/22
[ 14...Nxe4? 15.d5+- ]
[ 14...Nb4= 0.01/24 ]
**15.d5** -0.01/21
[ 15.e5± 0.48/22 Nfd5 16.Bg5 dxe5 17.dxe5 ]
**15...Bxe3 16.Rxe3 c6 17.dxc6 Bxc6** 0.58/21
[ 17...Nxc6= -0.20/20 18.Bd5 Rc8 ]
**18.Nbd2** 0.18/21
[ 18.Qe1± 0.58/21 ]
**18...Ng6 19.Qe1N**
[Predecessor: 19.Bc2 -0.01/21 19.Nd4 0.40 Re8 20.Re1 Bb7 21.b4! Nh5 0.01/21 *( 21...Rc8∓* -0.35/21 *)* 22.Ra3= Nhf4 23.Nf1 -0.68/21 *( 23.Rae3=* -0.01/21 *)* 23...Qf6 -0.27/22 *( 23...Ne5∓* -0.68/21 is more appropriate.*)* 24.Ng3 Rbd8 -0.15/21 *( 24...Rbc8∓* -0.58/21 *25.Rae3 Ne5 )* 25.Rae3 ½-½ (44) Harikrishna,P (2732)-Caruana,F (2823) Wijk aan Zee 2021 ]
**19...Re8! 20.Ng5 Re7** 0.72/23
[ 20...d5= 0.21/22 ]
**21.Ndf3!± h6 22.Nd4 Bb7 23.Nxf7 Rxf7 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Nf5** 0.11/22
[ 25.Rd1!± 0.71/22 ]
**25...Qd7** 0.86/22
[ 25...Ne7!= 0.11/22 ]
**26.Rd1 Nxe4** 2.09/22
[ 26...d5± 0.71/22 ]
**27.Nd4??** -2.68/21
[ 27.g4!+- 2.09/22 is the narrow road to win. ]

**27...Re8 28.Rc1** -2.32/22
[ 28.f3 -1.72/23 Nf6 29.Rxe8 Nxe8 *( 29...Qxe8 30.Qc3-+ )* 30.Nc2 ]
**28...Re7 29.f3 Nf6 30.Rxe7+ Nxe7**
[ 30...Qxe7 31.Qd2∓ ]
**31.Qd2 Kg8 32.Qc2 Nfd5** Wards off Qc7 **33.Re1** -2.02/22
[ 33.Kh1∓ -1.58/22 ]
**33...Qd8** -1.20/22
[ 33...Nf4-+ -2.02/22 34.Kh2 Bd5 ]
**34.b4?** -3.51/23 **Nxb4-+ 35.Qe2** -4.51/22
[ 35.Qb2 -2.28/23 Nec6 36.Nf5 ]
**35...Nbd5 36.Qe6+ Kh7 37.Qf7?** -6.51/25
[ 37.Nf5 -3.56/22 Nxf5 38.Qxf5+ Kg8 39.Qe6+ Kf8 40.Re4 ]
**37...Qxa5 38.Re4 Qc3?** -0.01/24
[ 38...Bc8-+ -7.46/22 39.f4 Qa3 ]
**39.Kh2?** -7.62/24
[ 39.Ne6= -0.01/24 Qf6 40.Nf8+ Kh8 41.Rxe7 Qa1+ *( 41...Nxe7 42.Qe8= )* 42.Kh2 Nxe7 43.Qe8 ]
**39...Ne3?** -0.01/28
[ 39...Bc8-+ -7.62/24 40.f4 Qd3 ]
**40.Rxe7 Qxd4 41.Rxb7=** -19.07/31 Endgame KQR-KQN
[ 41.Re6= -0.01/25 Bc6 42.Qg6+ Kh8 43.Rxd6 ]
**41...Qb2** -7.51/29
[ ⌓41...Qe5+ -19.07/31 42.Kg1 Qb2 *( 42...Qg3 43.Qa2= )* 43.Qxg7+ Qxg7 44.Rxg7+ Kxg7 ]
**42.Kg3-+ Qxg2+ 43.Kf4 Qg5+ 44.Ke4 Qe5+ 45.Kd3 Nd5** -1.04/25 Prevents Re7.
[ 45...Nc4-+ -7.16/23 ( -> ...Qe3+) 46.Re7 Qg5 ]
**46.Kd2** -3.75/23
[ 46.Rb8∓ -1.04/25 is a better defense. ]
**46...Qf4+?** 0.08/24
[ 46...a5-+ -3.75/23 47.Rb8 b4 48.Qg8+ Kg6 49.Qe8+ Qxe8 50.Rxe8 Kg5 ]
**47.Qxf4= Nxf4** KR-KN **48.h4 Ng6 49.h5 Nf4 50.Rb6 Nxh5 51.Rxd6 Nf4 52.Rxa6 h5 53.Ke3** White has compensation. **53...Nd5+** 1.07/34
[ 53...Ng6= 0.29/26 keeps the balance. ]
**54.Kd4** 0.27/25
[ 54.Ke4± 1.07/34 Nc3+ 55.Kf5 ]
**54...Nf6 55.Ke5 Kg6 56.Kf4 Kf7** 1.42/28
[Black should play 56...b4± 0.31/28 ]
**57.Ra7+** 0.35/24
[White must play 57.Kg5± 1.42/28 ]
**57...Kg6± 58.Rb7 b4 59.Ke5 h4 60.Rxb4 Kg5 61.Rb7 Nh5 62.Rb1! Ng3?** 6.01/33
[ 62...g6± 0.55/29 ]
**63.Rb4+- Kh5 64.Kf4?** 0.27/30
[ 64.Rg4+- 5.58/27 ]
**64...Ne2+ 65.Kf5 Ng3+ 66.Kf4** and Rb5+ would now be decisive **66...Ne2+ 67.Kf5 g6+ 68.Kf6** White wants to mate with Rb8. **68...Nc3?** 2.95/34
[ 68...h3= 0.17/29 and Black stays safe. ]
**69.Rb8** 1.31/26
[ 69.Rb3!+- 2.95/34 Nd5+ 70.Ke5 ]
**69...Nd5+±**

(Diagram)



**70.Ke5** 0.21/26
[ 70.Kg7!± 0.75/30 ]
**70...Nf4? #16/31 71.Rh8+?** 0.37/5
[ 71.Kxf4 #16/31 Kh6 72.Rh8+ Skewer Kg7 73.Rxh4 Kf6 74.Rg4 Ke6 75.Rxg6+ Kd5 76.Rh6 ]
**71...Kg5± 72.Rf8 Nd3+**
[ 72...h3!? 73.Rh8 *( 73.Rxf4? h2-+ )* 73...Nh5= ]
**73.Ke4 Nf2+! 74.Ke3 Nh3 75.Ke2 Nf4+**

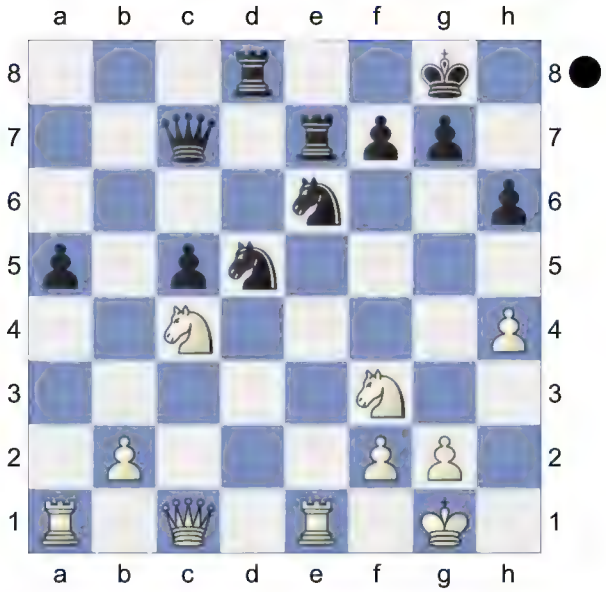


**76.Rxf4??** -#14/30 **Kxf4=** KPP-KP. Black is a pawn up. **77.Kf2 g5**
**78.Kg2 g4?** -0.60/39
[ 78...Ke3 -#13/28 mates 79.Kh2 Kxf3 80.Kh3 Kf4 81.Kh2 g4 82.Kg2 h3+ 83.Kh2 Kf3 84.Kg1 g3 85.Kh1 g2+ 86.Kg1 h2+ Deflection, Promotion 87.Kxh2 Kf2 88.Kh3 g1Q *( 88...g1R 89.Kh4 Kf3 90.Kh5 Kf4 91.Kh6 Kf5 92.Kh7 Kf6 93.Kh8 Kf7 94.Kh7 Rh1# )* 89.Kh4 Qg6 90.Kh3 Qh5# ]
**79.Kg1?** -#10/22
[ 79.fxg4∓ -0.60/39 Kxg4 80.Kh2 ]
**79...g3 80.Kf1 h3 81.Kg1 Kxf3** KP-KP. Black is two pawns up. **82.Kh1 Kf4** -20.04/5
[ ⌓82...g2+ -#6/14 83.Kg1 h2+ Deflection, Promotion 84.Kxh2 Kf2 85.Kh3 g1Q *( 85...g1R 86.Kh4 Kf3 87.Kh5 Kf4 88.Kh6 Kf5 89.Kh7 Kf6 90.Kh8 Kf7 91.Kh7 Rh1# )* 86.Kh4 Qg6 87.Kh3 Qh5# ]
**83.Kg1-+ Kg4** -11.50/5
[ ⌓83...Ke3 -#7/16 84.Kh1 g2+ *( 84...h2 85.Kg2 Kf4 86.Kh1 Kg4 87.Kg2 h1B+ 88.Kxh1 Kf3 89.Kg1 g2 90.Kh2 Kf2 91.Kh3 g1Q 92.Kh4 Qg6 93.Kh3 Qh5# )* 85.Kg1 Ke2 86.Kh2 Kf2 87.Kxh3 g1Q *( 87...g1R 88.Kh4 Kf3 89.Kh5 Kf4 90.Kh6 Kf5 91.Kh7 Kf6 92.Kh8 Kf7 93.Kh7 Rh1# )* 88.Kh4 Qg6 89.Kh3 Qh5# ]
**84.Kh1 Kg5** -31.95/5
[ ⌓84...Kf3 -#6/14 85.Kg1 g2 *( 85...h2+* leads to mate. *86.Kh1 g2+ 87.Kxh2 Kf2 88.Kh3 g1Q 89.Kh4 Qg6 90.Kh3 Qh5# )* 86.Kh2 Kf2 87.Kxh3 g1Q *( 87...g1R 88.Kh4 Kf3 89.Kh5 Kf4 90.Kh6 Kf5 91.Kh7 Kf6 92.Kh8 Kf7 93.Kh7 Rh1# )* 88.Kh4 Qg6 89.Kh3 Qh5# ]
**85.Kg1 Kh4 86.Kf1 g2+ 87.Kg1 Kg4 88.Kh2 Kf4 89.Kg1 Kf3** ( -> ...Ke3) **90.Kh2 Kf2** Black mates. **91.Kxh3 g1Q 92.Kh4** A wild game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.81
**92...Qg3+** -9.94/5
[ ⌓92...Qg6 -#2/6 93.Kh3 Qh5# ]
**0-1**

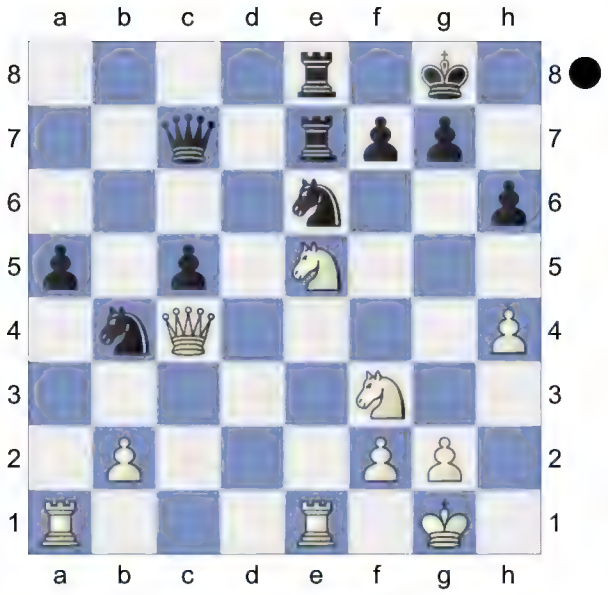
**68** **C78**
□ **Kobalia,Mihail** **2538**
■ **Puranik,Abhimanyu Sameer** **2624**
FRA-chT Top 16 GpA (3.2) 24.05.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3** is the new trend. ist der neue Trend. **9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Rb8N**
[ 10...Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**11.Re1 h6** White has an edge. **12.h3 Re8 13.Re2 a5N**
[ 13...Bd7 14.Rc1 Nh5 0.60/19 *( 14...Na5= 0.11/21 )* 15.Nf1 0.19/21 *( 15.Re1± 0.60/19 Nf6 16.Bc2 )* 15...Qf6 0.56/18 *( 15...Na5= 0.19/21 )* 16.Re1± Re7 17.Kh2 0.15/20 *( 17.Bc2± 0.61/18 )* 17...Na5= 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Rc2 Nxb3 20.axb3 1-0 (40) Yakubboev,N (2617)-Zhalmakhanov,R (2447) Asian Games tt 2023 (8.11) ]
**14.d5 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Ne7 16.c4** Hoping for cxb5. **16...Ba6 17.c5** -0.48/22 **dxc5** -0.01/24
[ 17...a4∓ -0.48/22 18.Bc2 c6 ]
**18.a4** -0.49/22
[ 18.Nxe5= -0.01/24 c4 19.Bc2 ]
**18...c6!∓ 19.axb5 Bxb5 20.Nxe5** -0.81/23
[ 20.d6∓ -0.45/19 is superior. Nc8 *( 20...Qxd6? 21.Qc2-+ )* 21.Rc3 Remove Defender ]
**20...cxd5∓ 21.exd5 Nexd5 22.Re1 Qc7 23.Ndf3 Rbd8 24.Qc1 Re7 25.Bc4 Bxc4 26.Nxc4 Ne4 27.Nfd2 Ng5** Black is much more active. **28.h4** -2.12/23
[ 28.Rxe7∓ -1.00/21 Qxe7 29.Nf1 ]
**28...Ne6-+ 29.Nf3**

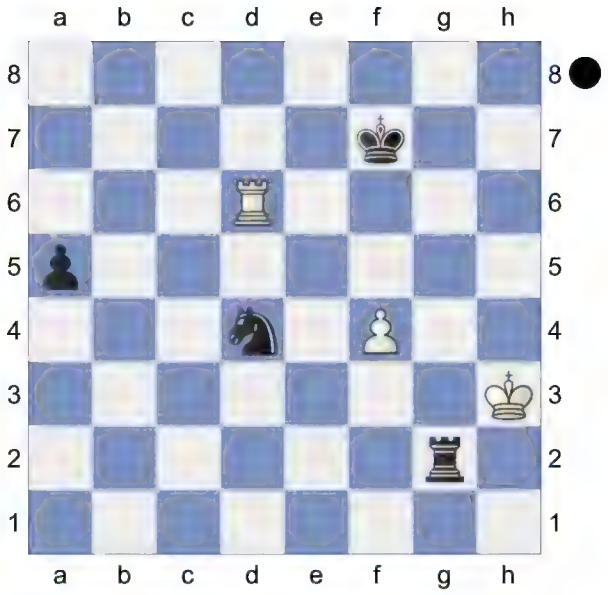



**Nb4! 30.Nce5** -2.68/22
[ ⌓30.Re3 -1.83/22 ]
**30...Rde8** -1.36/22
[ 30...Nd4-+ -2.68/22 31.Nxd4 Rxe5 *( 31...Rxd4 32.Nf3∓ )* 32.Rxe5 Qxe5 ]
This move loses the game for White.
**31.Qc4** -2.91/23
[ 31.Rd1∓ -1.36/22 might work better. ]

(Diagram)



**31...Nd4! 32.Nxd4 cxd4**
[Weaker is 32...Rxe5 33.Nf3 Rxe1+ 34.Nxe1∓ ]
**33.Qxc7 Rxc7 34.Nf3 Rxe1+ 35.Nxe1** Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **35...Rc5 36.Rd1 Rd5 37.Nf3** -2.90/22
[ ⌓37.Kf1 -1.88/22 ]
**37...d3 38.g3 g5 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Kg2?** -3.83/24
[ 40.Nd2 -2.26/23 ]
**40...Kg7 41.Nd2 Kf6 42.Kf3** -3.25/22
[ ⌓42.Re1 -2.20/22 ]
**42...Nc2 43.Rh1** -4.64/23
[ 43.g4 -3.04/21 was the only defense. ]
**43...Re5** Black is clearly winning. **44.Rd1** -6.38/25
[ ⌓44.g4 -4.26/23 Nd4+ 45.Kg3 ]
**44...Ke6 45.Nc4** -6.42/27
[ ⌓45.Kg4 -4.40/23 Rd5 46.Rh1 ]
**45...Ne1+ 46.Kg4 Re4+ 47.f4 f5+ 48.Kxg5 Nf3+ 49.Kg6 Rxc4 50.Rxd3** KRN-KR **50...Nd4 51.Kg5 Rb4 52.g4 fxg4 53.Kxg4 Kf6 54.Rh3 Rxb2 55.Rh6+ Kf7** and ...Rg2+ should not be overlooked **56.Rd6 Rg2+ 57.Kh3**
(Diagram)

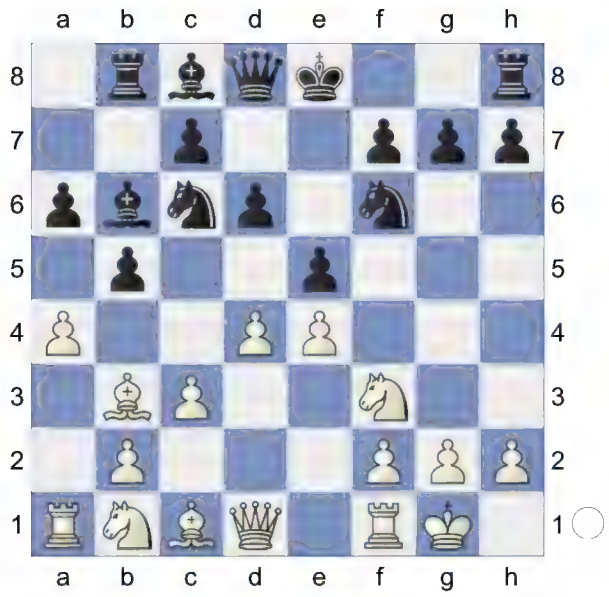


**Rg3+ 58.Kh2 Rd3** ( -> ...Nf3+) **59.Ra6 Ra3 60.Kg2 Ne6 61.f5 Ng7 62.f6 Ne6 63.Kf2 Kxf6 64.Ke2 Ke5 65.Kd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.23 (precise)
**65...Nc5**
**0-1**

**69** **C78**
□ **Ter Sahakyan,Samvel** **2614**
■ **Pichot,Alan** **2648**
Julius Baer Rapid Div 3 W (1.2) 30.08.23
*[Kitty Kat]*

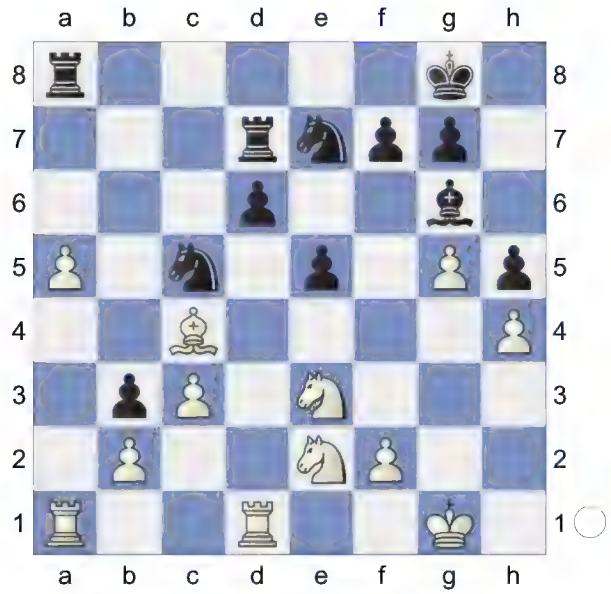
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4** Kapnisis,Spyridon **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8** 8...Bb7 gains popularity. 8...Lb7 wird beliebter. **9.d4 Bb6**

(Diagram)

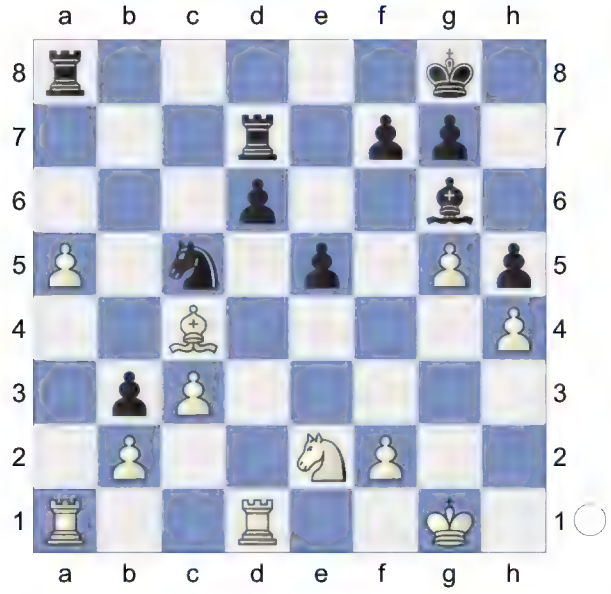


**10.a5! Ba7**
[ 10...Nxa5 11.Ba2∓ ]
**11.Be3N** next dxe5 is good for White.
[ 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**11...Bg4! 12.Nbd2** The position is equal. **12...0-0 13.h3 Bh5** 0.50/25
[ 13...exd4!= -0.01/26 14.cxd4 Bh5 ]
**14.Qe1!± Re8** 0.63/26
[ 14...exd4= 0.12/26 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 c5 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 ]
**15.dxe5 Bxe3N**
[Vorgänger: 15...dxe5 16.Nh4 Qd3 1.54/27 *(*Black should try *16...Rc8* 0.78/23 *)* 17.Bxa7 0.83/24 *( ⌓17.g4!* 1.54/27 *)* 17...Nxa7± 18.f3 c5 19.Qf2! Qd6 20.Rfd1 Qc7 21.Bd5 c4 1.00/24 1-0 Hovhannisyan,R (2642)-Martirosyan,H (2622) ARM-ch 81st Yerevan 2021 (6). Prevents Nb3. *( 21...Nc8!±* 0.64/23 deserves consideration. *)*]
**16.Qxe3 dxe5 17.Nh4 Nd7** 1.27/25
[ ⌓17...Qe7 0.72/23 ]
**18.Nf5± Qf6** 1.63/25
[ 18...Bg6± 1.09/23 ]
**19.g4+- Bg6 20.g5 Qd8 21.Ng3** 0.50/26
[ 21.Rfd1+- 1.93/24 ]
**21...Nf8± 22.h4 h5 23.Nf3 Qd7 24.Qc5** White is more active. **24...Qd6?** 2.76/28
[ 24...Ne6 25.Qd5 Qd6 26.Rfd1± ]
[ 24...Qg4± 0.82/26 ]
**25.Qxd6+- cxd6 26.Rfd1 Rbd8 27.Nd2?** 0.63/27
[ 27.Bd5+- 2.54/24 Nb8 28.Ne1 ]
**27...Ne6± 28.Ndf1 Nc5 29.Bc2 b4 30.Ne3 b3** 1.68/26
[ 30...Rd7± 0.80/23 ]
**31.Bd3+- Ne7 32.Bc4 Nxe4** 2.53/25
[ 32...Kf8 1.75/25 33.f3 Rd7 ]
**33.Bxa6**
[ 33.Bxb3 Rb8 34.Nxe4 Bxe4∓ ]
[ 33.Nxe4?! Bxe4 34.Bxa6 Bc6± ]
**33...Nc5?** 3.84/24
[ 33...Nxc3 1.85/24 34.bxc3 b2 ]
**34.Bb5 Rf8 35.Bc4 Rd7 36.Ne2?** 0.87/25
[ 36.a6+- 2.46/23 has better winning chances. ]

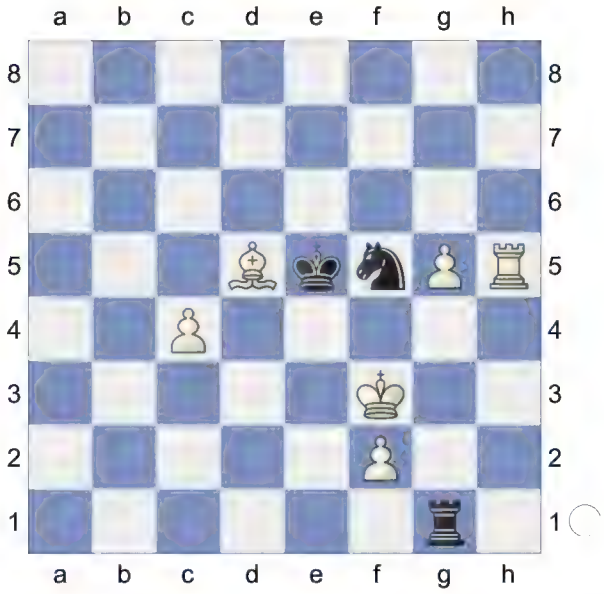
**36...Ra8** 2.21/25
[ 36...Be4± 0.87/25 ]



**37.Nd5** 1.12/23
[White must play 37.Nc1!+- 2.21/25 ]
**37...Nxd5± 38.Bxd5 Ra6** 1.79/26
[ 38...Raa7± 1.02/22 ]
**39.Bc4+- Ra8**



**40.Ra3** 0.57/23
[ 40.Ng3!+- 1.87/24 ]
**40...Be4** 1.50/25
[ 40...Bc2± 0.57/23 41.Rd2 Kf8 ]
**41.Ng3** 1.11/24
[ 41.Nc1 1.50/25 ]
**41...Bf3± 42.Re1 Rda7 43.Nf5**
[ 43.Bxb3 Nxb3 *( 43...Rxa5 44.Rxa5 Rxa5 45.Bc4∓ )* 44.Rxb3 Rxa5 ]
[ 43.a6 keeps more tension. Kh7 44.Ra5 f6 45.gxf6 gxf6 46.Re3 ]
**43...Rxa5?** 4.08/28
[ 43...Rd8± 1.17/25 keeps fighting. ]
**44.Rxa5+- Rxa5 45.Nxd6 e4 46.Nxf7**
[ 46.Bxf7+ Kf8 47.Nc4 Ra2= ]
**46...Ra2 47.Ne5+ Kf8 48.Nxf3 exf3**
Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **49.Re5 Nd7 50.Rf5+ Ke7 51.Bxb3**
[ 51.Rxf3 Rxb2 52.Rf7+ Kd6± ]
**51...Rxb2 52.Bd5 Rc2 53.Rf7+**
[ 53.Bxf3 g6 54.Ra5 Rxc3+- ]
**53...Kd6** and ...Ne5 would now be decisive **54.c4 Ne5 55.Rxg7 Rc1+ 56.Kh2 Rf1 57.Kg3 Rg1+ 58.Kf4 Rf1 59.Rh7**
[Worse is 59.Bxf3 Rxf2 60.Rh7 *( 60.c5+ Ke6= )* 60...Nxf3= *( 60...Rxf3+ 61.Ke4= )*]
**59...Ng6+ 60.Kxf3** Hoping for Rh6.
**60...Nxh4+ 61.Ke2 Rg1 62.Rxh5 Nf5 63.Kf3 Ke5**

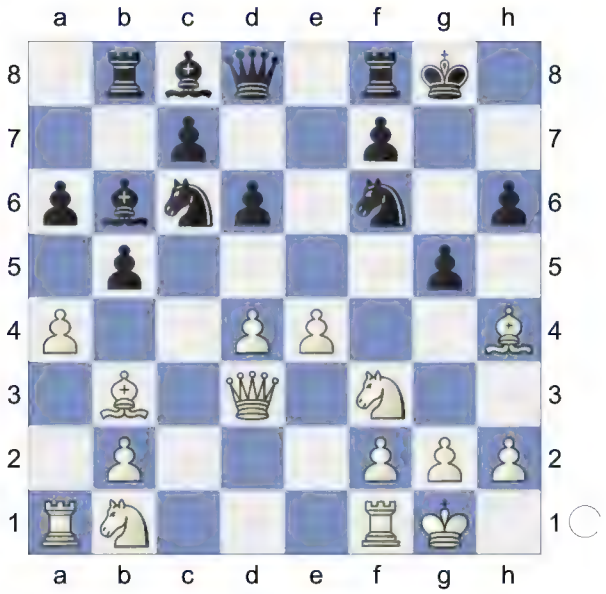


**64.g6! Kf6 65.Be4 Nd4+ 66.Ke3 Ne6**

**67.Rh7?** 0.19/20
[Better is 67.Bd3+- 7.60/22 Ng5 68.Ke2 ]
**67...Ng5?** 7.54/26
[ 67...Re1+= 0.19/20 68.Kd3 Nc5+ 69.Kd4 Nxe4 *( 69...Rxe4+ 70.Kxc5 Kxg6 71.Rh2± )*]
**68.Rh4** White is clearly winning.
**68...Re1+ 69.Kd3 Rd1+ 70.Kc3 Rf1 71.Rf4+ Kg7 72.Bd3 Re1 73.Rf5 Kh6 74.f4 Ne6 75.Rf7 Ng7 76.f5 Rf1 77.c5 Ne8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.42
**78.Bxf1**
**1-0**

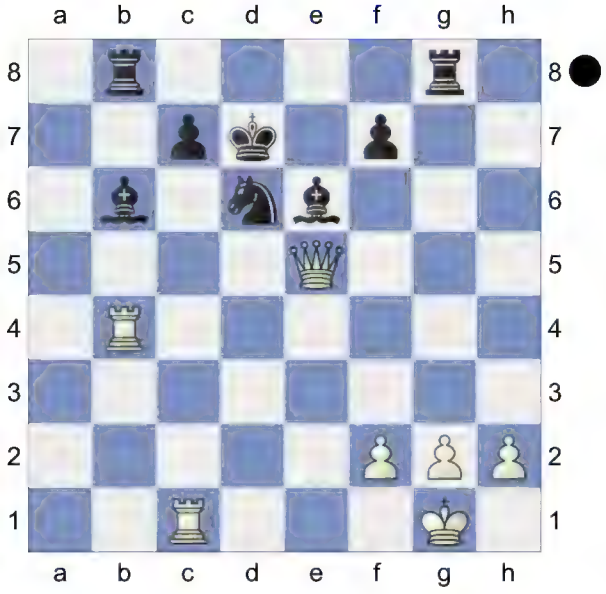
**70** **C78**
□ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2645**
■ **Cheparinov,I** **2686**
30th TCh-CRO Div 1a 2022 (2.5) 25.09.22
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.Qd3N**
[ 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**10...0-0 11.Bg5 exd4 12.cxd4** White is slightly better. **12...h6 13.Bh4 g5**



Deflection **14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Nxd4 16.Nc3 Nxb3?** 2.25/21
[ 16...c6= 0.01/19 17.Ba2 b4 ]
**17.Nd5!+-** Discovered Attack **17...Nxd5** 2.50/23
[ 17...Nxa1? 18.Bxf6+- ]
[ ⌓17...Bd4 1.86/23 ]
**18.Bxd8 Rxd8 19.Qxb3 Ne7 20.Qc3**
[ 20.axb5 axb5 21.Qg3+ Ng6= ]
**20...bxa4 21.Qf6** Dodges Ng6
[ 21.Rxa4?! Ng6= ]
**21...Kf8 22.e5** 0.18/23
[ 22.Rxa4± 1.33/22 and h4 would now be decisive Re8 23.Qh6+ Kg8 24.h4 ]
**22...Be6!= 23.Qh6+ Ke8** Chess con chili. **24.exd6 Nf5** 0.64/24

[ 24...cxd6= 0.23/22 25.Rxa4 Nf5 ]
**25.Qf6** 0.01/22
[ 25.Qh5!± 0.64/24 ]
**25...Nxd6** 0.60/23
[ 25...cxd6= 0.01/22 26.Rfd1 *( 26.Rxa4 Kd7= )* 26...Kd7 ]
**26.Rxa4± Kd7 27.Rc1** 0.01/23
[ 27.h4± 0.54/21 ]
**27...a5** 0.46/22
[ 27...Rg8= 0.01/23 is superior. ]
**28.Qe5** -0.06/24
[ 28.h4± 0.46/22 ]
**28...Rg8= 29.b4?** -1.55/25
[ 29.g3= -0.01/22 ]
**29...axb4** -1.18/23
[ ⌓29...Rg4 -1.55/25 30.Rxa5 Rbg8 ]
**30.Rxb4∓**



**Bxf2+!** Discovered Attack **31.Kxf2 Rxb4 32.Rxc7+** Decoy **32...Kxc7 33.Qc5+ Kd7 34.Qxb4**

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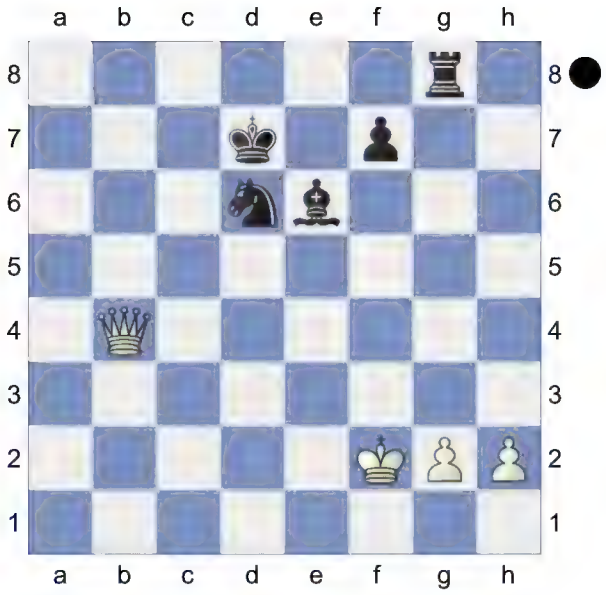
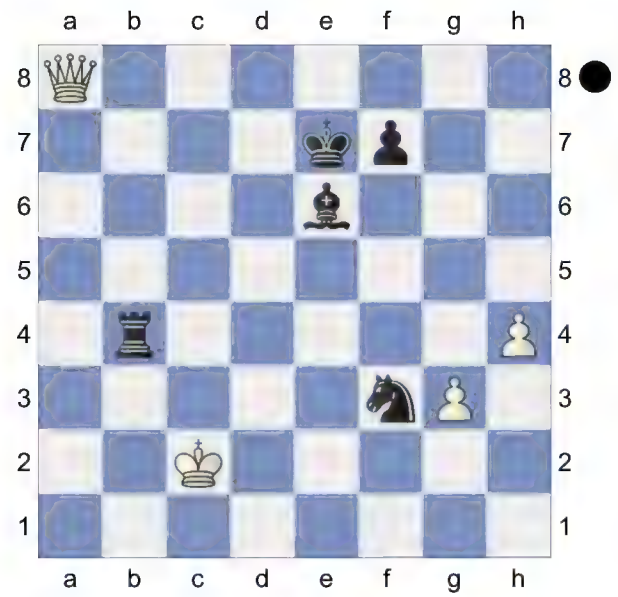


**Bd5! 35.g3 Ra8** -0.76/22
[ ⌓35...Ke6 -1.23/21 36.Qa4 Ne4+ 37.Ke3 Ra8 ]
**36.Qg4+** -1.34/20
[ ⌓36.h4 -0.76/22 ]
**36...Be6** -0.70/22
[ 36...Ke7∓ -1.34/20 Hoping for ... Ra2+. 37.Qe2+ Ne4+ 38.Ke3 Rd8 ]
**37.Qh5** -1.44/21
[White should play 37.Qd4∓ -0.70/22 ]
**37...Ra2+ 38.Ke3** -1.76/22
[ 38.Kf3∓ -1.37/21 ]
**38...Ra3+-+ 39.Kf4 Ra4+ 40.Ke3 Nf5+ 41.Kd2** -1.75/22
[ 41.Kf2∓ -1.38/25 ]
**41...Ra2+ 42.Kc3** -1.87/22
[ 42.Kd3∓ -1.41/22 ]
**42...Ra3+ 43.Kb2** -1.98/22
[ 43.Kd2∓ -1.51/22 ]
**43...Rb3+ 44.Kc1 Nd4 45.Qh8 Nf3 46.Kc2 Ke7 47.h4** -2.13/22
[ 47.h3 -1.71/20 might work better. ]
**47...Rb4?** -0.53/21
[Better is 47...Re3-+ -2.13/22 48.Kc1 Re1+ 49.Kb2 Re2+ 50.Kc3 Re3+ 51.Kb2 Ne5 ]
**48.Qa8?** -2.32/23
[ 48.h5∓ -0.53/21 ]



**48...Rc4+! 49.Kd3 Ne5+ 50.Kd2 Rg4 51.Qa3+ Kf6** ( -> ...Nc4+) **52.Qc3 Re4 53.Qc7 Kg7 54.Qb8 Ng4 55.Qb2+ Nf6 56.Qc3 Kg6 57.Qd3 Kg7?** 0.01/25
[ 57...Bc4-+ -4.04/24 58.Qd6 Be6 ]
**58.Qd6** -5.13/26
[ 58.Qc3= 0.01/25 and White is okay. Rg4 59.Kd1 ]
**58...Rg4** ( -> ...Ne4+) **59.Ke2 Kg6 60.Kf3 Nh5 61.Qd3+ Bf5 62.Qd6+ Kh7 63.Kf2 Rxg3 64.Qd5 Bg6** Black is clearly winning. **65.Qd4 Rd3 66.Qe5 Ra3 67.Qg5 Ra6 68.Qb5 Rf6+ 69.Kg1 Rf5 70.Qb4** Quite a comeback for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.33
**70...Ng7**
**0-1**

**71** **C78**
□ **STL_Grischuk** **3011**
■ **rasulovvugar** **2651**
Blitz 05.07.2021
*[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 3min C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3** Repels Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...Ra8N 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 exd4 15.cxd4 Re8?** 2.17/22
[ 15...Nb4= 0.28/22 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bb7 19.Rc1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxd4 21.Qh5 Nd5 *( 21...Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nc5 Qd2 25.Rd1 Rae8 26.Rxd2 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 c5 28.f4 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc5 b4 32.b3 Rc8 33.Nxa6 cxb3 34.Bxb3 R1c3 35.Rb2* (37) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10... Ba7,1 *)* 22.Rf3 Qe7 *( 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qe7 24.Qd4 Qb4 25.Rd3*

(27) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1) 23.Nxf7 Qxe4 24.Rxc7 Nf4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nxe4 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxb7 (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**16.Bc2?** 0.37/24

[White has to play 16.e5!+- 2.17/22 dxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 *( 17...Nxd4? 18.Bxf7+ Kh8 19.Bxe8+- )* 18.dxe5 Bxe3 *( 18...Rxe5 19.Nf3± )* 19.Rxe3 ]

**16...Bb7± 17.Bb1 Nb4 18.Qb3**

[ 18.Ra3!? ]

**18...c5 19.d5 Nd7** 0.74/20

[ 19...Rc8± 0.36/22 was preferable. ]

**20.Ra3** -0.29/20

[ 20.g4± 0.74/20 ]

**20...Rc8** 0.86/19

[ 20...f5!= -0.29/20 ]

**21.Nf1** -0.01/21

[ 21.g4± 0.86/19 ]

**21...Nf6?** 2.60/23

[ 21...f5!= -0.01/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 22.Bd2 *( 22.exf5 Nxd5 23.N1d2 c4-+ )* 22...fxe4 23.Rxe4 *( 23.Bxe4? Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Bxd5-+ )* 23...Rxe4 *( 23...Nxd5 24.Nh4∓; 23...Bxd5 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Qd1∓ )* 24.Bxe4 Nf6 Deflection, Double Attack ]

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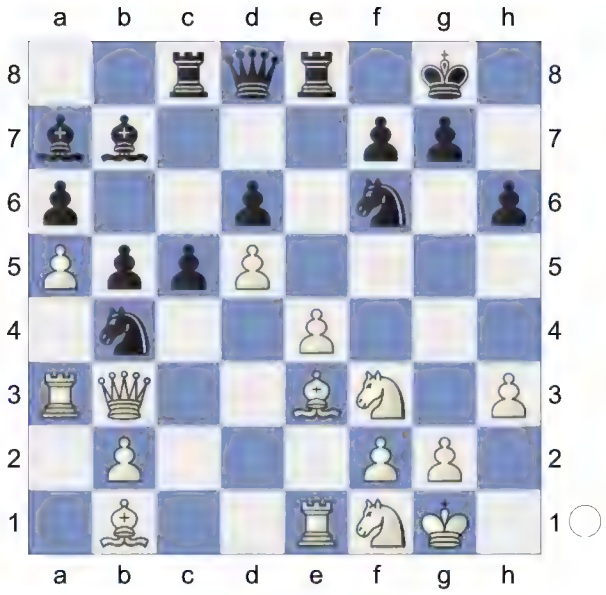

**22.Ng3!+- Nfxd5** 3.10/21

[ ⌓22...Bxd5 2.19/21 23.exd5 Nbxd5 ]

**23.exd5 Bxd5** 4.52/21

[ 23...Nxd5 2.83/20 24.Qc2 Nf6 ]

**24.Qd1 Qf6 25.Rc3 Bxf3 26.Qxf3** 2.31/21

[ ⌓26.gxf3 4.10/21 Rcd8 27.f4 ]

**26...Qxf3 27.gxf3 d5 28.Rec1?** 0.67/21

[White should play 28.Rcc1+- 2.57/21 ]

**28...d4?** 3.60/21

[ 28...Nc6!± 0.67/21 29.Bf5 *( 29.Bxc5 d4± )* 29...d4 30.Rxc5 *( 30.Bxc8 Rxc8 31.Rxc5 Bxc5= )* 30...Bxc5 31.Bxc8 Rxc8 32.Rxc5 dxe3 ]

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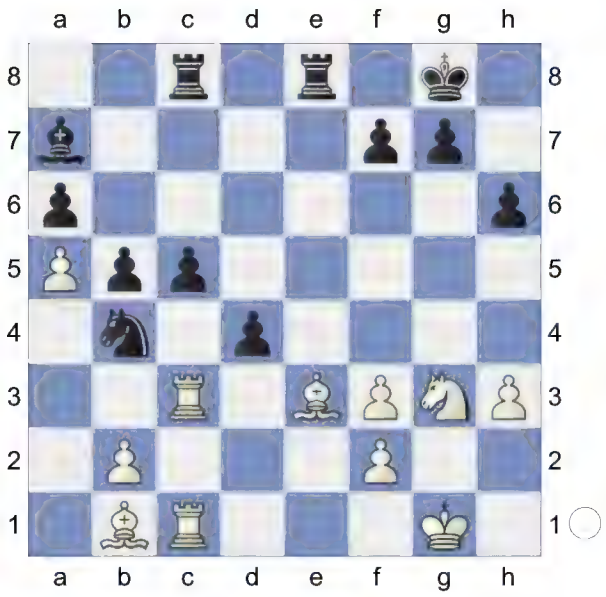
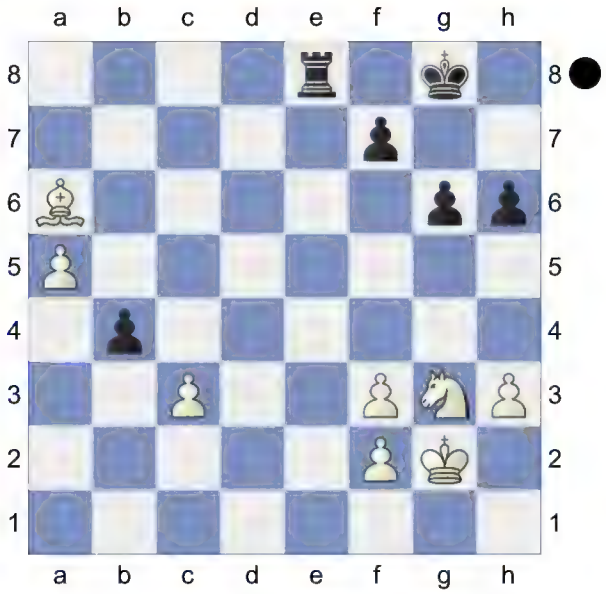


**29.Bxd4!** Pin **29...Nd5 30.R3c2** 1.98/20
[ 30.Bxc5 Nxc3 31.Bxa7 Na4± ]
[ ⌓30.Nf5 3.50/23 ]
**30...Nb4 31.Rc3** 0.01/19
[ 31.Bxc5 Rxc5 32.Rxc5 Bxc5∓ ]
[ 31.Be3+- 2.07/21 ]
**31...Nd5= 32.Be3** 1.81/22
[ 32.Bxc5 Nxc3 33.Bxa7 Na4= ]
[ ⌓32.Nf5 3.26/22 ]
**32...Nxc3+- 33.Rxc3** 0.28/24
[ 33.bxc3± 1.55/24 aiming for Kg2. Bb8 34.Kg2 ]
**33...c4= 34.Be4**
[ 34.Bxa7 Re1+ 35.Kg2 Rxb1 ]
**34...Bxe3**
[ 34...b4?! 35.Bxa7 bxc3 36.bxc3± ]
**35.Rxe3** -2.06/21
[ 35.fxe3∓ -0.48/22 Rcd8 36.Bc2 ]
**35...b4-+ 36.Kg2** -3.15/20
[ ⌓36.Re1 -1.70/20 ]
**36...g6 37.Bb7?** -4.60/26
[ 37.Re2 -1.89/20 might work better. ]
**37...Rb8?** -0.18/25
[ 37...Rxe3-+ -4.60/26 38.Bxc8 *( 38.fxe3? c3-+ )* 38...c3 *( 38...Rb3 39.Bxa6 c3 40.bxc3= )* 39.bxc3 *( 39.fxe3? cxb2 40.Bxa6 b1Q-+ )* 39...b3 *( 39...Rxc3 40.Bxa6 Rc5 41.Ne4∓ )* 40.Bxa6 *( 40.fxe3? b2-+ )* 40...b2 *( 40...Rxc3 41.Ne4-+ )* 41.fxe3 b1Q *( 41...b1B? 42.Bc4+- )*]
**38.Rxe8+** -1.57/22
[ 38.Ne4!= -0.18/25 was the only way to keep the balance. Kg7 39.Bxa6 ]
**38...Rxe8∓ 39.Bxa6** -2.79/25
[ 39.Ne4∓ -1.45/27 was the only defense. Rd8 40.Kh2 *( 40.Bxa6 c3-+ )*]
**39...c3-+ 40.bxc3**



**bxc3** -0.15/27
[ 40...b3!-+ -3.12/25 White must now prevent ...Rd8. 41.f4 Rd8 *( 41...Re1? 42.Bd3-+ )*]
**41.Bd3= Rd8** Black has compensation.
**42.Bb1** -3.28/29
[ 42.Be4= -0.17/28 f5 43.Bb1 ]
**42...Rd1?** -0.17/28
[ 42...Rd2-+ -3.28/29 43.h4 c2 44.Bxc2 Rxc2 ]
**43.Bc2?** -5.94/26
[ 43.Be4= -0.17/28 and White is okay. f5 44.Bc2 ]
**43...Rd2-+** Black is clearly winning.
**44.Bb3 c2 45.Bxc2 Rxc2 46.Ne4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/ Black=0.90

**46...Ra2**
**0-1**

**72** **C78**
□ **Lu Shanglei** **2609**
■ **Liu,Yan** **2562**
15th Hainan Danzhou GM (6.2) 29.10.24
*[Kitty Kat]*

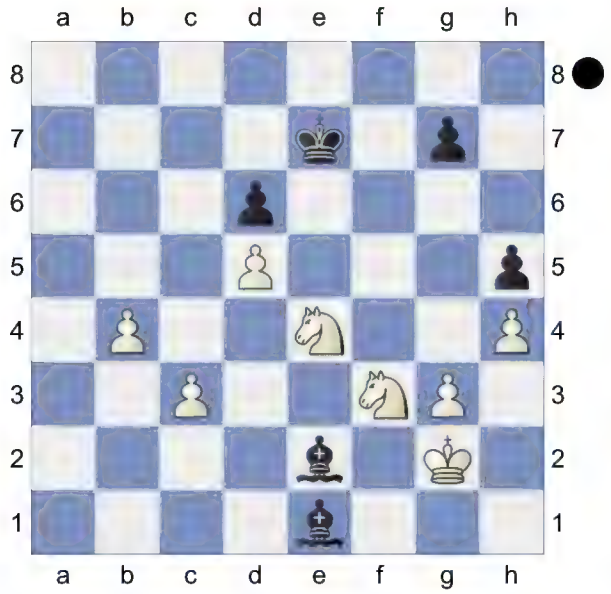
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.c3**
[ 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**9...d6 10.d4 Bb6 11.Qd3N**
[ 11.Na3
**A)** 11...0-0 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Be3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Na5 *( 15...Qe8 16.Ba4 Bd7 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne7 19.c4 Bxa4 20.Rxa4 Nf5 21.Ra3 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Qc6 23.Ng5 g6 24.Qd3 Qd7* Chirila,I (2485)-Anton,T (2350) Budva 106/(95) 2009*)* 16.Qxe4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxb3 18.Ra3 Na5 19.Rc1 d5 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Rac3 Ba5 22.Bxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxc7 Qxc7 24.b3 Rb4 25.bxc4 Rxc4 ½-½ Dominguez Perez,L (2610)-Charbonneau,P (2442) 88/(138) Buenos Aires 2003;
**B)** 11...Ba6 12.Re1 h6 13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Ne3 0-0 15.Nf5 Ne7 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C4 2000 ]
**11...0-0 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6** White is slightly better.
[ 13.Qxb5? hxg5 *( 13...Nxd4 14.cxd4 hxg5 15.Nxg5∓ )* 14.Qxc6 Bb7∓ ]
**13...Qxf6 14.Qxb5 Ne7 15.dxe5 Qf4** And now ...Bxf2+! would win. **16.Kh1 Bg4 17.Nbd2 Bxf2** 0.98/22 **18.Qd3± Bc5 19.g3** 0.10/23
[ 19.Qc2± 1.01/22 ]
**19...Qe3= 20.Qc2↑** White is pushing. **20...h5** 1.09/22
[ 20...Ba7!= 0.01/22 remains equal. ]
**21.Rae1± Qh6 22.h4** Black must now prevent Ng5. **22...Nc6** 1.63/24
[ 22...Qg6± 0.75/24 ]
**23.exd6+-** A mistake that costs the game. **23...cxd6** 3.19/22
[ 23...Bxd6± 1.39/20 24.e5 Be7 ]
**24.Bd5 Ne7 25.Ng5** Repels Bh3 **25...Nxd5 26.exd5 Rbe8?** 5.83/28
[ 26...f6 3.11/21 ]

**27.Nxf7!** Deflection, Back Rank. Excellent horsemanship. White is clearly winning. **27...Qf6**
[ 27...Qh7 28.Qxh7+ ]

**28.Rxe8 Qxf1+ 29.Nxf1 Bf3+ 30.Kh2** Intending Nh6+! and mate. **30...Rxe8 31.b4 Re2+ 32.Qxe2 Bxe2** Endgame KBB-KNN. White is two pawns up. **33.Ng5 Bf2 34.Kg2 Be1 35.Ne4 Kf8 36.Nfd2**

[Less strong is 36.Nxd6 Bxc3 37.Ne4 *( 37.b5 Be5= )* 37...Bxb4± *( 37...Bxf1+? 38.Kxf1 Bxb4 39.Ke2± )*]

**36...Ke7 37.Nf3**



Trapped Piece **37...Bd3 38.Nf2 Bxf2 39.Kxf2** KB-KN. White is two pawns up. **39...Bc4 40.Nd4 g6 41.Ke3 Bxd5 42.Kf4 Bg2 43.Kg5 Be4 44.Ne2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.67 **44...Kd7**

**1-0**

**73** **C78**

□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2586**

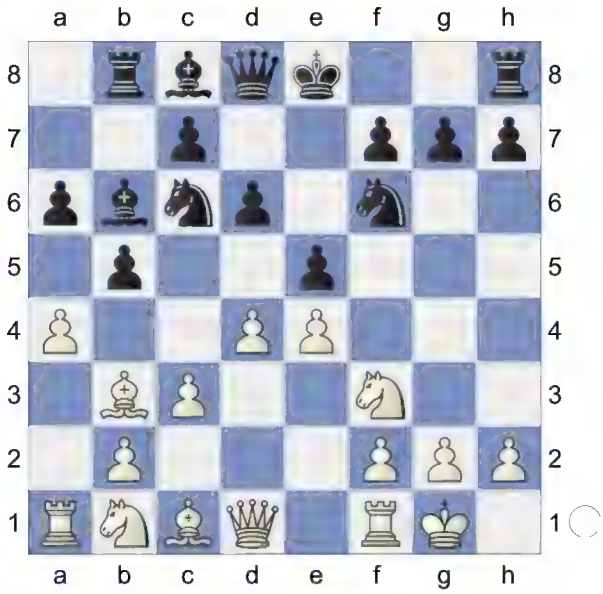
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2679**

Sharjah Masters 6th (4) 20.05.2023

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6**



**10.a5!** 10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5. 10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5.

[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.h3** Wards off Bg4 **11...0-0**

[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7

0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]

**12.Be3!** White is slightly better.

**12...Ra8N 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 Re8**
[ 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bb7 19.Rc1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxd4 21.Qh5 Nd5 *( 21...Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nc5 Qd2 25.Rd1 Rae8 26.Rxd2 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 c5 28.f4 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc5 b4 32.b3 Rc8 33.Nxa6 cxb3 34.Bxb3 R1c3 35.Rb2* (37) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 22.Rf3 Qe7 *( 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qe7 24.Qd4 Qb4 25.Rd3* (27) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 23.Nxf7 Qxe4 24.Rxc7 Nf4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nxe4 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxb7 (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**15.Qc2 exd4 16.cxd4 Nb4 17.Qc3 c5**

**18.Bf4N** -0.59/22
[Vorgänger: 18.Bc2 -0.72/21 18.Rad1 0.20 Be6 0.08/23 *( 18...Bb7∓* -0.72/21 And now ...Nxc2 would win. *19.dxc5 Nxc2 20.Qxc2 dxc5 )* 19.dxc5 -1.09/24 *( 19.Bb1=* 0.08/23 remains equal.*)* 19...dxc5 -0.50/22 *( 19...Nxc2∓* -1.09/24 *20.Qxc2 dxc5 )* 20.Bxc5? -3.19/25 *( 20.Bb1∓* -0.50/22 *)* 20...Rc8-+ 21.Bxb4 Rxc3 22.Bxc3 Qe7 23.Rac1 Rd8 24.Bb1 0-1 Karousos Theodorakis,N (2205)-Tilicheev,V (2513) Athens Iraklion op 21st 2018 (5) ]
[ 18.dxc5 dxc5 19.Rad1 Qe7∓ *( 19...Nxe4? 20.Nxe4+- )*]
[ 18.Rad1= 0.15/23 ]

**18...Qe7** 0.31/21
[ 18...Bb7∓ -0.59/22 ]

**19.d5 Bd7 20.Bh2** -0.01/21
[ 20.g4± 0.41/22 should be considered. ]

**20...Rac8= 21.Bd1 Qf8 22.Re3 Bb8 23.Bb3 Ba7 24.Bd1 Bb8 25.Bb3 Ba7 26.Bd1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

**26...Bb8**
½-½

**74** **C78**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2855**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2754**
150/125 Stavanger 2021
*[Mon Hokmome]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5** 0.18/23
[ 10.axb5± 0.56/20 axb5 11.Na3 ]

**10...Ba7!=**
[ 10...Bxa5? 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Bd5 *( 13.Bxf7 Bb6± )* 13...Nxd5 14.exd5+- ]

**11.h3 Bb7** 0.48/22
[ 11...0-0= 0.17/21 ]

**12.Be3!±** Threatens to win with d4-d5. White is slightly better. **12...Nxe4 13.Nbd2** -0.16/23
[Better is 13.d5!± 0.61/22 Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2 15.Qe2 Nxh3+ 16.Kh1 Nf2+ 17.Rxf2 Bxf2 18.Qxf2 *( 18.cxb7 Ba7= )* 18...Bxc6 19.Nxe5! Bxg2+ 20.Kg1 *( 20.Kxg2 Qg5+ 21.Kf1 Qxe5∓ )*]

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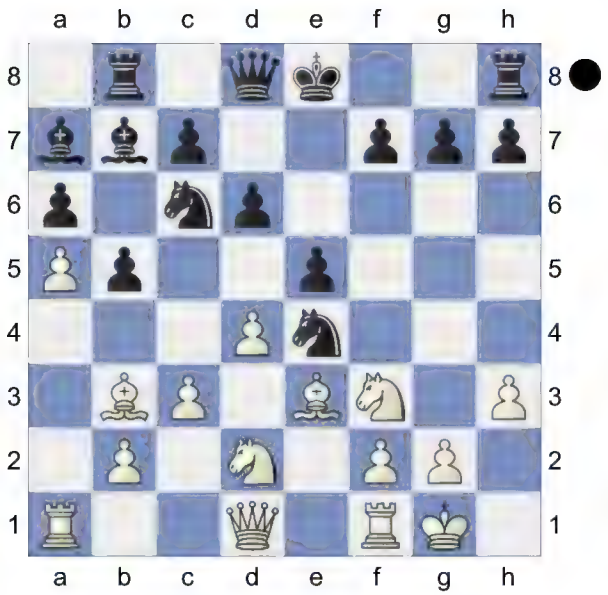

**13...Nxd2** 0.25/22
[ ⌓13...exd4! -0.16/23 14.cxd4 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 0-0 ]
**14.Qxd2= 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8**
[ 16.Qe2 with more complications. Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Qf6 18.Rfe1 ]
**16...Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5** And now Ra1-d1 would win. **18...Bd5N 19.Bc2 Nc6 20.Nxc6 Bxc6 21.Rad1** Against Rd8-d2 **21...Rfe8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Rd1 Rxd1+ 24.Bxd1±** Endgame KB-KB **24...Kf8 25.f4** 0.19/25
[ 25.Bg4± 0.50/24 ]
**25...Ke7= 26.Kf2 Kd6 27.b4 Bd5 28.g4** 0.01/25
[ 28.Bg4± 0.47/24 should be considered. ]
**28...h6** 0.40/25
[ 28...f6= 0.01/25 ]
**29.g5** 0.01/24
[ 29.h4± 0.40/25 is superior. ]
**29...hxg5 30.fxg5 c5** 0.32/28
[ 30...g6!= 0.01/28 might be stronger. ]
**31.Ke3± cxb4 32.cxb4 Ke5 33.h4 g6 34.Bg4 Be6**

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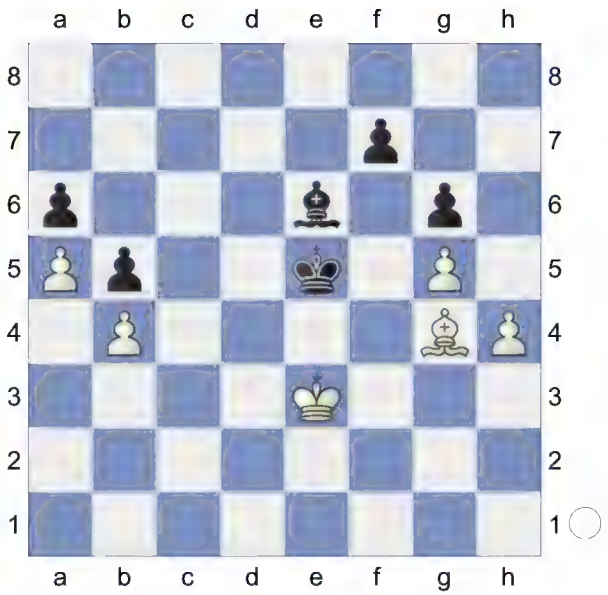

Prevents Bg4-c8. **35.h5! gxh5!**
[ 35...Bxg4? 36.h6 f5 37.h7 f4+ 38.Kf2+- ]
**36.Bxh5 Kf5 37.Bf3! Bc8** Prevents Bf3-b7.
[ 37...Kxg5 38.Bb7 f5 39.Bxa6 f4+ 40.Kf2+- ]
**38.Kd4** 0.00/24
[ 38.Bd5± 0.45/31 Kxg5 39.Bxf7 ]
**38...Kxg5=** White must now prevent ... Kg5-f4. **39.Ke5** aiming for Ke5-d6. **39...f5! 40.Kd6** Hoping for Kd6-c7. **40...f4** 0.51/26
[Black should try 40...Kf4!= 0.00/21 41.Bc6 Ke3 ]
**41.Ke5± Kg6** 1.45/32
[ 41...Bd7± 0.52/25 ]
**42.Kxf4±** Kf4-e5 is the strong threat.
**42...Kf6**

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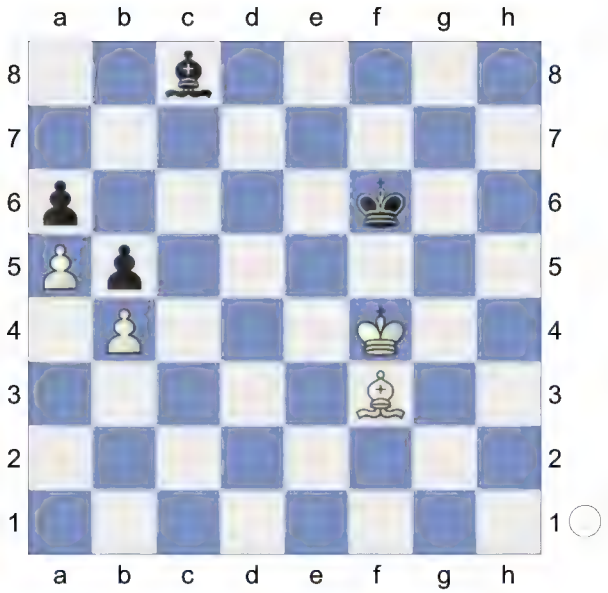

**43.Bd5! Bd7 44.Bb7 Ke6 45.Ke4 Kd6** Loses the game. **46.Bxa6** Strongly threatening Ba6-b7. **46...Bc6+ 47.Kd4 Be8 48.Bb7** Bb7-e4 would kill now. **48...Bd7 49.Bf3** Intending Bf3-e4 and mate. **49...Bc8 50.Be2** Threatening mate with Be2-f3. **50...Bd7 51.Bd3 Bc6 52.Be4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.32
**1-0**

**75** **C78**
□ **Azarov,Sergei Nikolaevich** **2559**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2736**
Airthings Masters Play In rapid (7)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.Bg5** 8.a4 is setting a new trend. 8.a4 setzt einen neuen Trend. **8...h6 9.Bh4 Na5 10.Nc3** -0.77/24
[ 10.Re1!= -0.07/20 ]
**10...Nxb3** Black is better. **11.axb3** -1.21/22
[ 11.Bxf6!∓ -0.47/22 Qxf6 12.Nd5 ]
**11...g5∓ 12.Bg3 Bg4N** -0.24/20
[ 12...h5!∓ -1.31/19 13.h4 *( 13.Nxg5? h4-+ )* 13...Bg4 14.hxg5 h4 15.Bh2 h3 23. Ruy Lopez: 5. d3 & 5. Nc3-5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.O-O d6 #1 ]
**13.Qe2** -1.20/22
[ 13.h3= -0.24/20 remains equal. Bh5 14.Kh1 ]
**13...0-0N** -0.19/21
[Vorgänger: 13...Nh5 0.04/19 13...h5 -1.16 14.Nd5 Nf4 0.64/21 *( 14...0-0=* 0.01/20 *)* 15.Bxf4± gxf4 16.b4 0.16/22 *(*Better is *16.h3±* 0.69/23 *Bxf3 17.Qxf3 )* 16...Ba7!= 17.c4 -0.28/20 *( 17.h3* 0.19/22 might be stronger. *Bh5 18.Kh2 )* 17...c6= 18.Nc3 Rg8 19.Kh1! Bd4 0-1 (39) Azarov,S (2562)-Kollars,D (2606) Chess.com INT 2023 ]
[ 13...h5!∓ -1.20/22 14.h3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 *( 15.Qxf3 g4∓ )* 15...h4 ]
**14.Nd1= Nh5 15.Ne3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Kg7 18.Rf2 a5** -0.15/22
[ 18...c5∓ -0.54/19 ]
**19.Qd2 a4 20.b4** -0.82/20
[ 20.bxa4∓ -0.42/21 bxa4 21.d4 ]
**20...Qd7 21.Qc3 f6 22.Raf1 Be6 23.Nd2**

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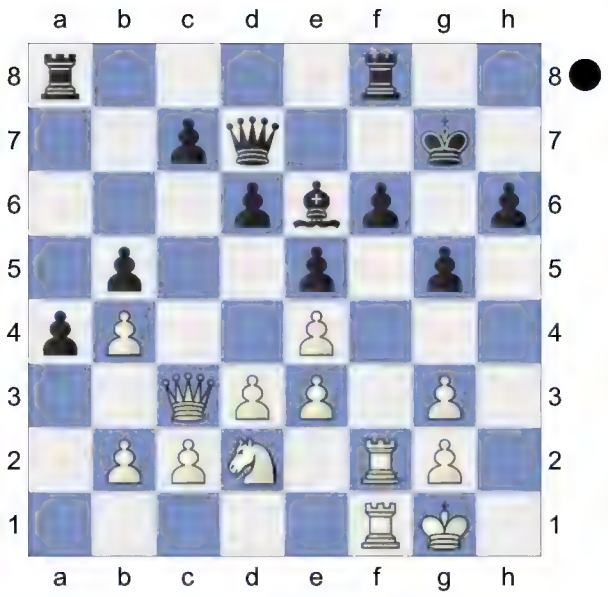
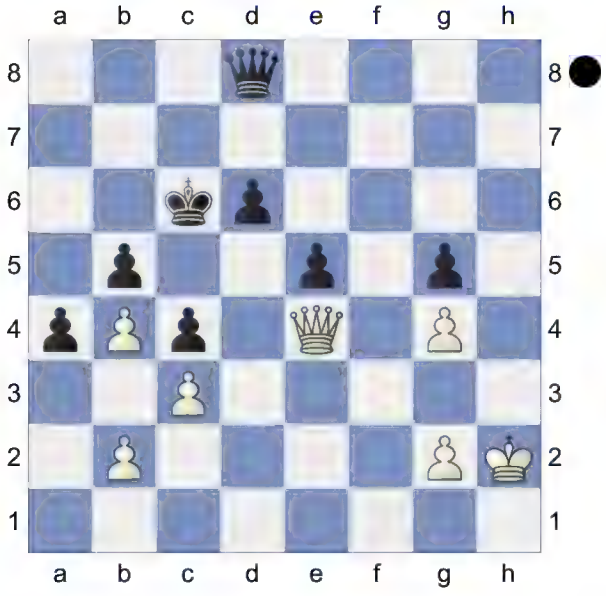


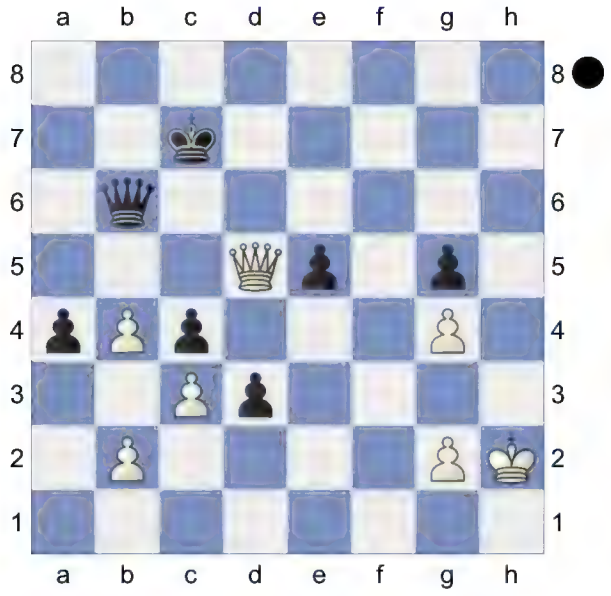
**c5** -0.01/22 **24.d4** -0.81/23
[ 24.bxc5= -0.01/22 was the only way to keep the balance. b4 25.Qxb4 ]
**24...c4∓ 25.Nb1 Qb7 26.Qd2 Qxe4 27.Nc3 Qb7** Black is more active. **28.d5** -2.36/22
[ 28.Qd1∓ -1.17/21 ]
**28...Bg4-+ 29.e4 Qb6 30.Nd1?** -5.65/24
[ 30.Kh2 -2.44/23 ]
**30...Bxd1 31.Qxd1 Qd4?** -1.83/24
[ 31...f5 -5.08/22 32.Qe2 c3 33.bxc3 fxe4 ]
**32.Qe2** -6.09/25
[ 32.Qf3 -1.83/24 ]
**32...f5**
[ 32...Qxb2? 33.Qg4 Qxb4 34.Qe6-+ ]
**33.exf5 Rxf5**
[ 33...Qxd5 34.f6+ Kg6 35.Qg4+- ]
**34.Kh2 Rxf2 35.Rxf2 Rf8** -0.47/29 Against Qf3
[ 35...Qxb2? is the wrong capture. 36.Qf3 e4 37.Qf7+ *( 37.Qxe4 Qe5∓ )* 37...Kh8 38.Rf6+- ]
[ 35...Qxd5 36.Qe3∓ ]
[Black should try 35...e4-+ -4.93/24 36.Rf1 Re8 *( 36...Qxb2 37.Qf2∓; 36...Qxd5 37.Qg4∓ )*]
**36.Rxf8∓ Kxf8** Endgame KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up. **37.Qf3+** -1.26/27
[ 37.Qh5∓ -0.38/27 Kg7 *( 37...Qxd5 38.Qxh6+ Ke8 39.Qg6+ Kd7 40.Qg7+ Kc6 41.Qf8∓ )* 38.Qe8 Qxd5 *( 38...Qxb2 39.Qe7+ Kg8 40.Qxd6+- )* 39.c3 ]
**37...Ke7** -0.74/27
[ ⌓37...Kg7 -1.26/27 38.Qf5 Qxd5 39.Qd7+ Qf7 40.Qxd6 Qe8 ]
**38.c3∓ Qd3 39.Qh5** -3.07/27
[ 39.Qf2∓ -0.97/26 ]
**39...Qxd5-+ 40.Qxh6 Qg8** Against Qxg5+ **41.g4?** -6.59/22
[ 41.Qh5 -3.06/24 e4 42.Kg1 ]
**41...Kd7?** -0.01/25
[ 41...e4-+ -6.59/22 and ...e3 would now be decisive 42.Kg1 e3 ]
**42.Qf6 Kc6 43.Qf5** Wards off Qh7+
**43...Qd8 44.Qe4+** -5.93/24
[ 44.Kh1= -0.01/22 ]



**44...d5! 45.Qg6+ Qd6 46.Qe8+ Kb6 47.Qa8 d4 48.Qa5+ Kc6 49.Qa6+ Kc7 50.Qxb5 d3**
[ 50...e4+ 51.g3 d3 52.Qa5+ Kd7 53.Qb5+ Kc8 54.Qxc4+ Kd7

55.Qb5+ *( 55.Qxe4 d2= )* 55...Kc7 56.Qa5+ Kb7 57.Qb5+ Kc8 *( 57...Kc7 58.Qa5+ Kb7 59.Qb5+ Kc8 60.Qc4+ Kd8 61.Qxe4= )* 58.Qxa4= ]

**51.Qa5+ Qb6** ( -> ...Qxa5) **52.Qd5**



**e4?** -2.68/23 **53.Qxc4+** -10.85/26

[ 53.Qf7+ -2.68/23 Kc8 54.Qf5+ *( 54.Qxc4+ Qc7+ 55.Qxc7+ Kxc7-+ )* 54...Kb8 55.g3 ]

**53...Qc6** Black is clearly winning.

**54.Qf7+ Qd7**

[ 54...Kb6 55.Qf2+ Kb5 56.Qd4± ]

**55.Qc4+ Kb8** ( -> ...Qc7+) **56.Qg8+**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.03/ Black=0.58

**56...Kb7**

**0-1**

**76** **C78**

□ **Ponkratov,Pavel** **2582**

■ **Pichot,Alan** **2642**

Casablanca Mohammed op 4th (8)

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**

[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1. 7) ]

**8.d3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2N**

[ 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 24.Kf1 Rf6 ½-½ Polg Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th_145686 1997 (3) ]

**10...b4 11.Ne2 d5** 11...d5 has lost popularity.11...d5 hat an Beliebtheit verloren. **12.exd5!?** -0.28/21 Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[ 12.Nxe5 0.30/20 Bb6 13.Ng3 ]

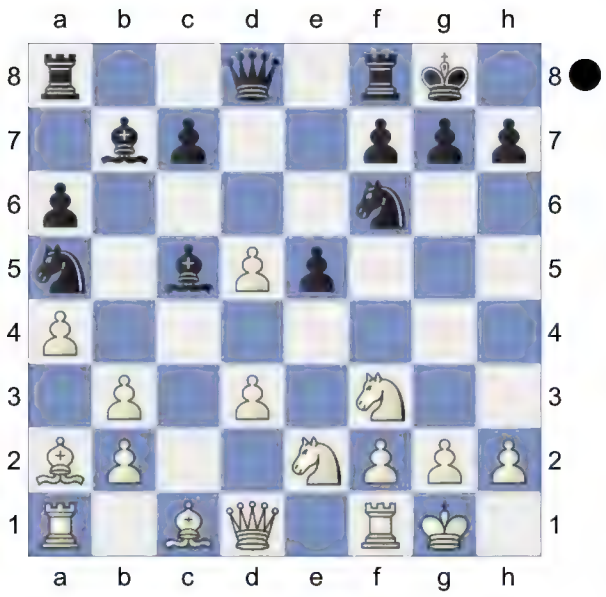
**12...b3N** 0.61/22

[Vorgänger: 12...Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Qxd5 14.Ng3 Nc6 15.Bg5 Black must now prevent Bxf6. Nd7 16.Nf5 Qe6 17.Ng3 f5 and ...f4 would now be decisive 18.Be3 f4 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 ½-½ Vitomskis,J (2595)-Kilgour,D (2580) W-ch15 corr9601 1996 ]

[ 12...Bxd5= -0.28/21 13.Bxd5 *( 13.Nxe5 Bxa2 14.Rxa2 Qd5∓ )* 13...Qxd5 ]

**13.cxb3±**

(Diagram)



**Nxd5 14.Nxe5 Nb4 15.d4 Qd5 16.Nf3 Bd6 17.Nf4! Bxf4 18.Bxf4 Rac8** 1.22/22

[Better is 18...Nxa2± 0.66/22 19.Rxa2 Qxb3 *( 19...Nxb3? 20.Ra3± )*]

**19.Bb1± Rfd8** 1.54/23

[ ⌓19...c5 1.13/22 ]

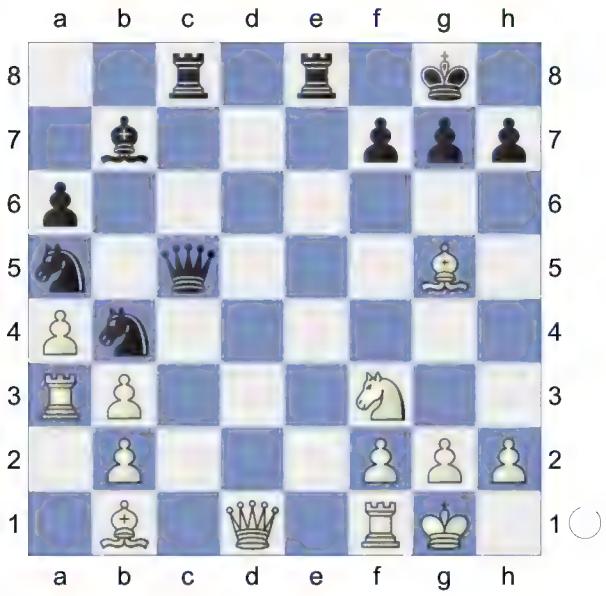
**20.Bg5** 1.02/21

[White should try 20.Re1 1.54/23 ]

**20...Re8 21.Ra3 c5** 1.96/22

[ 21...Qd6± 0.99/20 was necessary. ]

**22.dxc5+- Qxc5**



**23.Be3 Qh5 24.Nd4**

[Much less strong is 24.Ng5 Qxd1 25.Rxd1 *( 25.Bxh7+ Kh8± )* 25...h6± ]

**24...Qxd1 25.Rxd1 Red8** 3.13/21

[ ⌓25...g6 1.63/22 26.h3 Red8 ]

**26.Bf5 Rc7 27.Raa1 g6 28.Bg4 h5 29.Be2 Rcd7 30.Bg5 Re8 31.Kf1 Rc8 32.h4 Be4 33.Rd2 Nc2?** 6.27/26

[ 33...Rb7 3.86/21 34.Kg1 Bd5 ]

**34.Rad1** White is clearly winning.

[Not 34.Bxa6 Ra8± ]

**34...Nb4 35.Nf3 Rxd2 36.Bxd2** A strong pair of Bishops. **36...Rb8 37.Bf4 Re8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.38

**38.Bd6**

**1-0**

**77** **C78**

□ **Piorun,Kacper** **2601**

■ **Pichot,Alan** **2638**

Chessable Masters Play In rapid (1)

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3** outshines the older 9. a4. erfolgreicher als das alte 9.a4. **9...0-0 10.h3** Prevents Bg4 **10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4** White is slightly better. **12.Bd5**

[ 12.Qc2!? Qe8□ 13.Re1± *( 13.Bd5 Nb4= )*]

**12...Qe8 13.Qc2⇄** White is not keeping still **13...Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Rc1N** -0.40/22

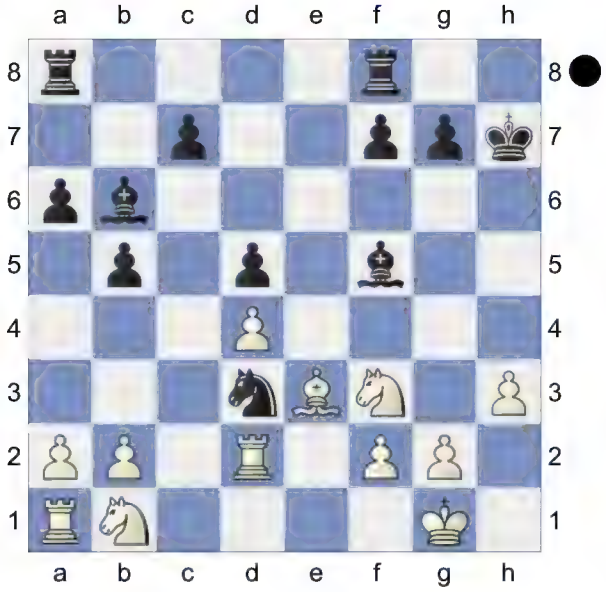
[Predecessor: 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Against Nc2. White wants to play a3. Rad8 *( 18...Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 24.Rcd2 Bxd5*

*25.Rxd5 Rxd5 26.Rxd5 Na4 27.Bxb6 Nxb6 28.Rd6 Nc4 29.Rxa6 Nxb2 30.Ra7 Na4 31.Nxf7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Rc2 33.f4* 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4)) 19.a3 Nc6 20.a4 b4 21.Ne2 Na5! 22.Nf4 Nb3 Against Bd2 23.Rc2 a5 24.Rd1 ½-½ (24) Pichot,A (2641)-Aryan,C (2632) Tashkent 2022 ]

[ 17.Nc3= 0.08/21 ]

**17...Nd3∓ 18.Rc2 Bf5** This move loses the game for White. **19.Rd2** -1.64/23

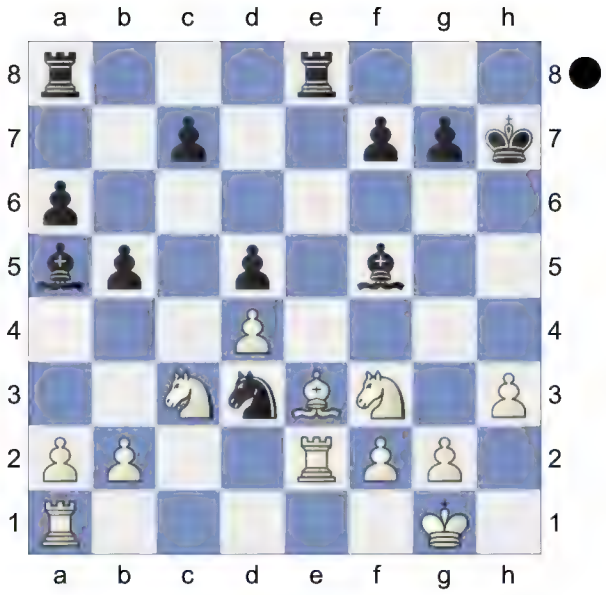
[ 19.g4= -0.28/22 and White is okay. Be4 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Nd2 ]



**19...Ba5!-+ 20.Re2 Rfe8** Black is much more active. The white rooks are passive. **21.Nc3** -2.53/23

[ 21.Kf1∓ -1.58/20 ]

(Diagram)



**21...Nxb2!** Remove Defender **22.Nxd5 Nc4 23.Rd1** -2.87/22 Against Bd3

[ 23.a3 -1.86/20 might work better. ]

**23...f6 24.Nf4 Rad8 25.d5 Be4 26.Bc5** -3.55/26

[ ⌓26.Bd4 -2.41/21 ]

**26...g5 27.Ne6 Rxe6** Pin

[Inferior is 27...Bxd5 28.Nexg5+ *( 28.Nxd8 Rxd8+- )* 28...fxg5 29.Rxe8 *( 29.Nxg5+? Kg6-+ )* 29...Rxe8 30.Rxd5± ]

**28.Rd4 Rxd5 29.Rexe4 Rxe4**

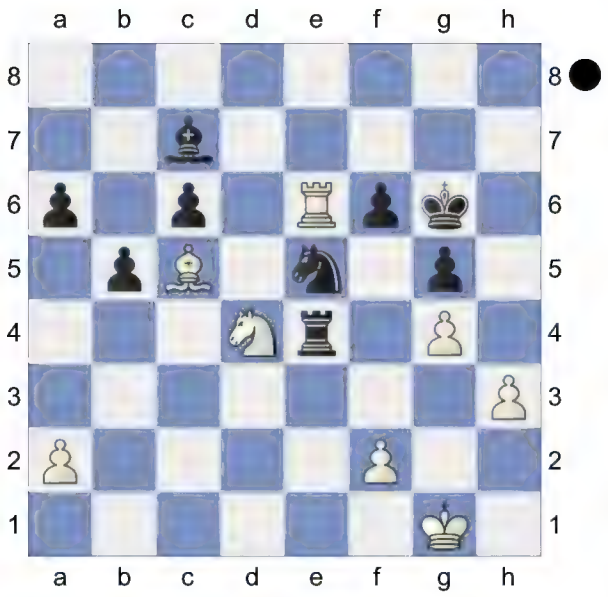
[ 29...Rxc5? loses. 30.Rxe6 Nb6 31.h4+- *( 31.Rxf6 Bc3= )*]

**30.Rxd5 Kg6 31.g4 Ne5** Wards off Rd7 **32.Nd4** -7.01/20

[ 32.Nxe5+ -3.79/24 Rxe5 33.Rxe5 fxe5 34.Be7 ]

**32...c6** Black is clearly winning. **33.Rd6 Bc7 34.Re6**

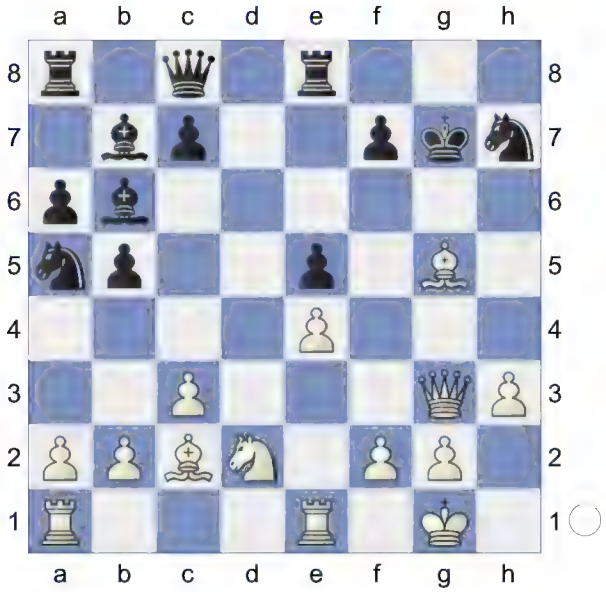
(Diagram)



**Rxd4!** Remove Defender, Decoy **35.Bxd4** Endgame KRB-KBN **35...Nf3+ 36.Kg2 Nxd4 37.Re7 Be5 38.Ra7 c5 39.Rxa6 c4** ...c3 would now be deadly. **40.Ra8 c3 41.Rc8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.08 (flawless)
**41...c2**
**0-1**

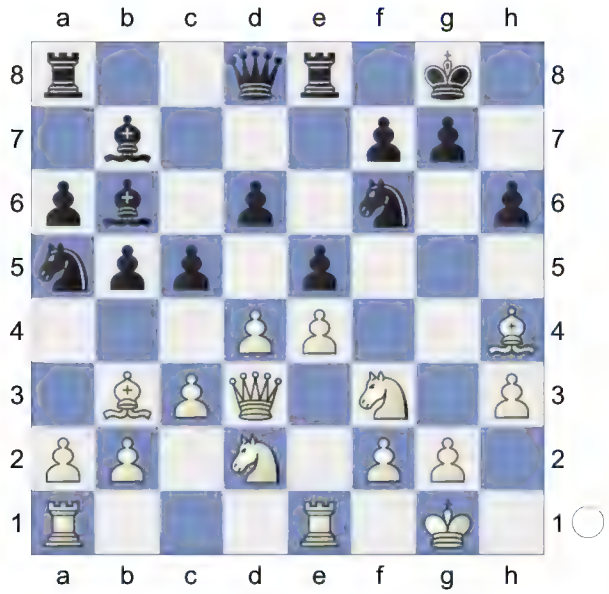
**78** **C78**
□ **Svidler,Peter** **2698**
■ **Naumann,Alexander** **2487**
Bundesliga 2425 (8.6) 02.02.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.h3**
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana, F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**9...Bb7N**
[ 9...0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 24.Rcd2 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]
**10.Re1 0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Re8**
12...Re8 scores better than 12...g5.
12...Te8 punktet besser als 12...g5.
**13.Qd3** The position is equal. **13...Na5**
**14.Nbd2N**
[ 14.Bc2 g5 15.Nxg5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Kg7! 17.Nd2 Threatens to win with Re3. Qc8? 1.55/19 *( 17...Qd7= -0.01/19 )* 18.Qg3± Nh7 2.11/22 *( 18...Re6± 0.92/21 )* 19.dxe5+- dxe5



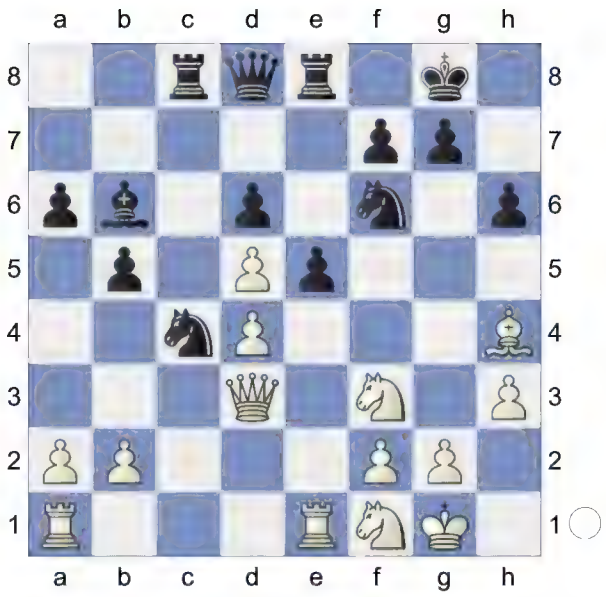
and ...Qe6 would now be decisive 20.Be7+? -0.01/22 0-1 (55) Praggnanandhaa,R (2757)-Mishra,A (2604) Biel GM1 Qual 57th 2024 (1) *( 20.Bf4+!+- 1.91/23 Kh8 21.Bxe5+ f6 22.Bf4 )*]

**14...c5** 0.87/22
[ 14...Nxb3= -0.05/19 15.axb3 Qe7 ]

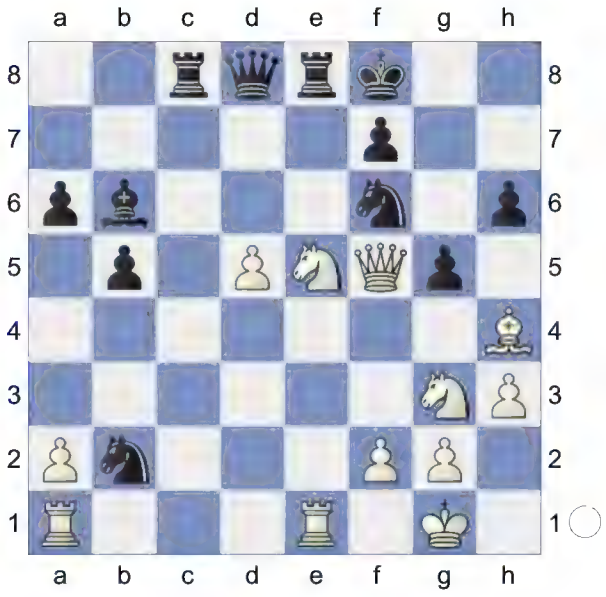


**15.Bd5!± Rc8** 1.05/23
[ 15...cxd4± 0.47/21 16.Bxb7 Nxb7 ]
[ 15...c4 16.Qc2 ]
**16.Nf1** 0.68/19 White is much more active.
[ 16.dxc5± 1.05/23 dxc5 17.c4 ]
**16...Bxd5** 1.39/24
[Black should try 16...cxd4!± 0.68/19 17.cxd4 *( 17.Bxb7 Nxb7 18.cxd4 exd4± )* 17...Bxd5 18.exd5 Nc4 ]
**17.exd5 cxd4 18.cxd4 Nc4** 1.98/25
[ 18...Rc4± 1.28/22 ]

(Diagram)



**19.Ng3!+- Nxb2?** 4.16/24
[ 19...Ba5 1.71/21 keeps fighting. ]
**20.Qf5 Kf8?** 5.80/24
[ 20...Qd7 3.10/20 21.Bxf6 Qxf5 22.Nxf5 gxf6 ]
**21.dxe5** White is clearly winning.
**21...dxe5 22.Nxe5**
[Less strong is 22.Rxe5 Qd7 23.Bxf6 Qxf5 24.Rxf5 gxf6+- ]
**22...g5**

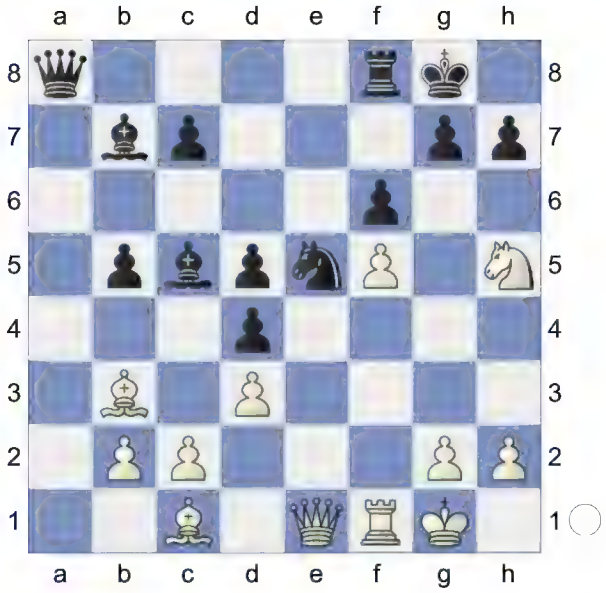


**23.Nh5! Rxe5 24.Qxe5**
[ 24.Rxe5 Nxh5 25.d6 Nf6± ]
**24...Nd3** Black did not feel at home in

the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.78
**25.Qxf6**
**1-0**

**79** **C78**
□ **pawn_git** **2707**
■ **Lynx_BOT** **2488**
Classical 06.12.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

Rapid 20min+8sec C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8.Nc3 0-0 9.d3 Nd4N** White is slightly better.
[ 9...Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 24.Kf1 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th_145686 1997 (3) ]
**10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 d6** 1.15/19
[ 11...Re8 0.71/19 ]
**12.Ng3± d5 13.e5 Nd7 14.axb5** 0.56/19
[ 14.Re1± 0.98/18 ]
**14...axb5± 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 16.Nh5 Nxe5 17.f4! Ng6 18.f5 Ne5**
Wards off Qf3 **19.Qe1**
[ 19.f6!? g6□ 20.Qd2= ]
**19...f6**



**20.Bh6! gxh6 21.Qg3+ Kf7 22.Qg7+ Ke8** White must now prevent ...Rf7.
**23.Nxf6+**
[ 23.Qxh7? Be7 *( 23...Kd8 24.Nxf6* Decoy *Rxf6 25.Qh8+ Rf8 26.Qxe5-+ )* 24.Qxh6 Kd7-+ ]
**23...Kd8 24.Nxh7**
[ 24.Qxh6? Qa6-+ ]
[ 24.Re1 seems wilder. Qa6 25.Nxd5 Nd7 26.Nf4 ]
**24...Nd7**
[ 24...Rf7 25.Qh8+ *( 25.Qxh6 Qa6±; 25.Qxe5 Rxh7 26.f6 Rf7= )* 25...Kd7 26.Qxe5+- ]
**25.Qxh6 Kc8 26.f6** 0.34/20
[ 26.Nxf8 Bxf8 27.Re1 c5= ]
[ 26.g4± 1.28/20 ]
**26...Rd8** 0.90/18
[ 26...Rh8± 0.34/20 ]
**27.f7** 0.37/18
[White should try 27.Qh5± 0.90/18 ]
**27...Nf8 28.Qh3+** 0.36/25
[ 28.g4± 0.78/18 Qa5 29.Nf6 ]
**28...Kb8 29.Qh4** White has

compensation. **29...Kc8 30.Qg4+ Kb8 31.Qg5↑** White has good play. **31...Kc8** 2.01/17

[Black should play 31...Rd7± 0.41/20 32.Qg8 Rd8 ]

**32.Nf6** 0.89/17

[ 32.Nxf8!+- 2.01/17 Rxf8 33.Qf5+ Kb8 34.Re1 ]

**32...c6± 33.Ne8** Really sharp! White is much more active. **33...Ba6 34.Re1** 0.30/18

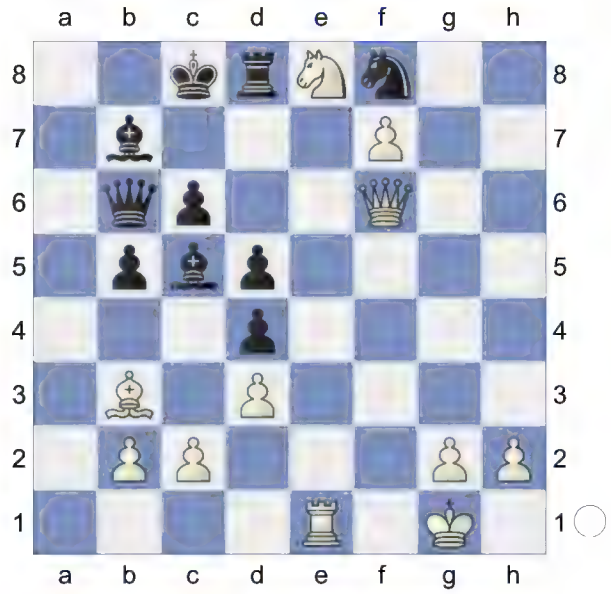
[ 34.Qf6+- 1.73/16 ]

**34...Qb7= 35.Qg7** White now steadily converts the win. **35...Qb6?** 2.30/18

[ 35...Qd7± 0.48/18 ]

**36.Qf6!+- Bb7** 2.82/20

[ ⌓36...Kb8 1.97/20 37.g4 Qa5 ]



**37.g4! Qa5**

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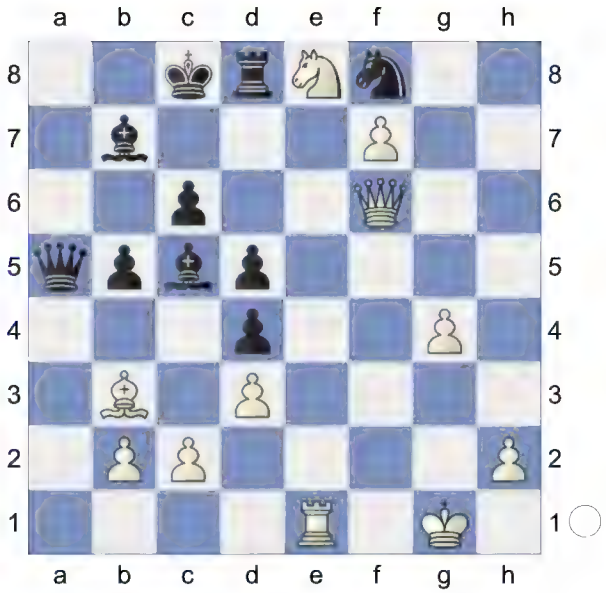


**38.Rf1 Qd2 39.Qf5+ Nd7 40.g5 Qe3+ 41.Kg2 Rxe8 42.fxe8Q+**

[ 42.fxe8N Qxe8 43.g6 Bf8± ]

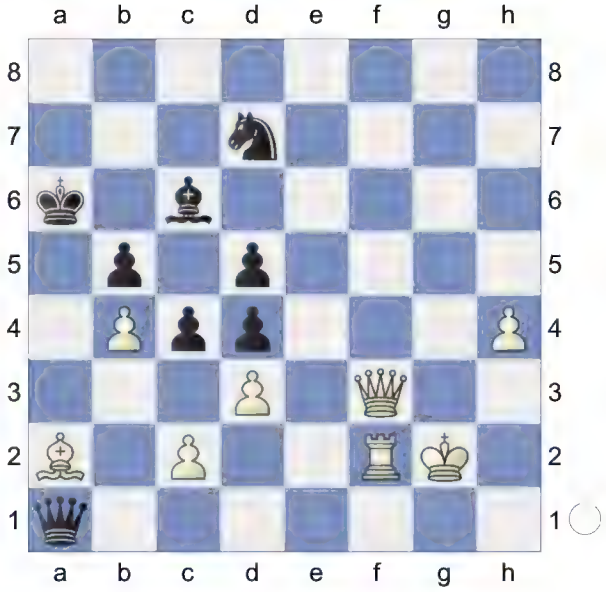
**42...Qxe8 43.g6 Bf8 44.Qg4 c5 45.g7 Bxg7 46.Qxg7 Bc6** 3.01/22

[ ⌓46...c4 1.99/21 ]

**47.Qg3 Kb7 48.Ba2 c4 49.h4** aiming for b4. **49...Qe2+?** 5.51/24

[ 49...Nc5 2.93/16 keeps fighting. 50.Re1 Qf7 ]

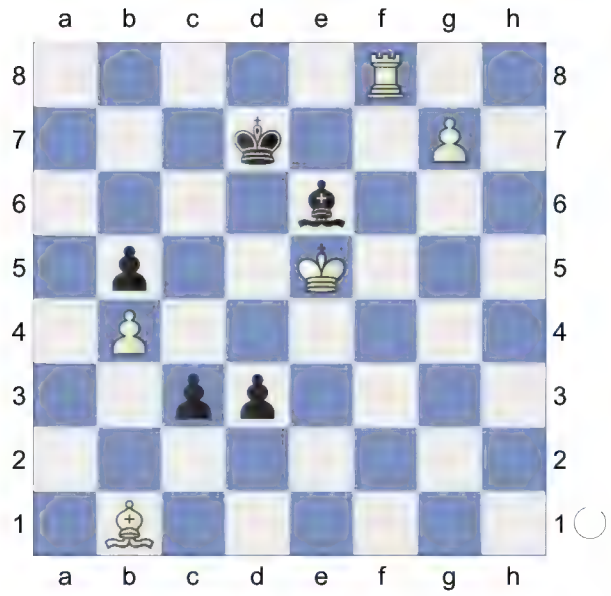
**50.Rf2 Qd1 51.b4 Ka6 52.Qf3 Qa1**



**53.h5! Qc1 54.Qf4 Qd1 55.Qg5**

[Weaker is 55.Qxd4 Qxh5 56.Kg3

Qd1= ]
**55...Nf8 56.Rxf8 Qxc2+ 57.Rf2 Qxd3 58.Qg6 Qxg6+ 59.hxg6 d3 60.g7 d4+ 61.Kg3 Bd5 62.Kf4** Intending Ke5 and mate. **62...Bg8 63.Ke5** White mates. **63...Kb7 64.Kxd4 Kc7 65.Bb1 Kd7 66.Rf8 Be6 67.Ke5 c3**



**68.Rd8+!! Kxd8**
[ 68...Ke7 69.Re8+ ]
**69.Kxe6** KB-K3P **69...c2 70.Kd6 Kc8 71.g8Q+ Kb7 72.Ba2 d2 73.Bd5+ Kb6 74.Qa8 c1Q**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.48
**75.Qb7#**
**1-0**

**80** **C78**
□ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2637**
■ **Lobanov,Sergei** **2508**
Moscow Aeroflot op-A (7) 05.03.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7**
[ 10...Nxa5 11.Rxa5 Bxa5 12.dxe5∓ ]
**11.Be3N**
[ 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**11...Bg4 12.Nbd2** The position is equal. 12.Nbd2 scores better than 12.dxe5. 12.Sbd2 punktet besser als 12.dxe5.
**12...exd4 13.cxd4 0-0! 14.h3 Bh5 15.Qc1 Nb4 16.Bg5 h6! 17.Bh4 c5 18.e5 dxe5 19.dxe5 Nd3 20.Qb1N**
[ 20.Qc3 Bxf3! 21.exf6 Be2 22.Rae1! Bxf1 ½-½ Domanov,D (2564)-Giese,G

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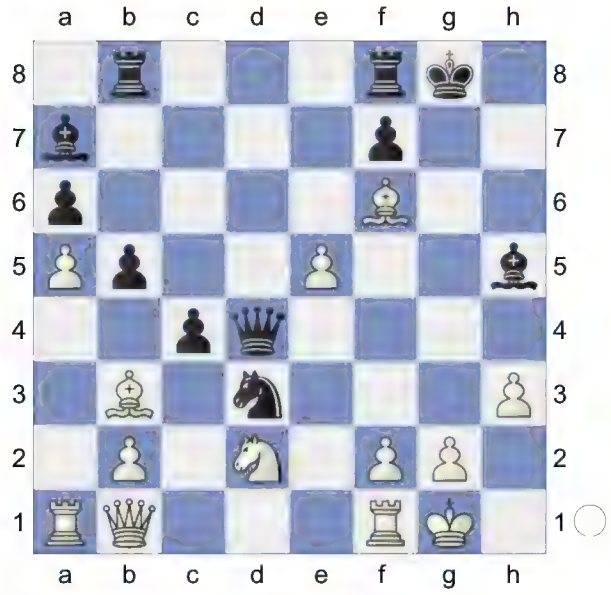
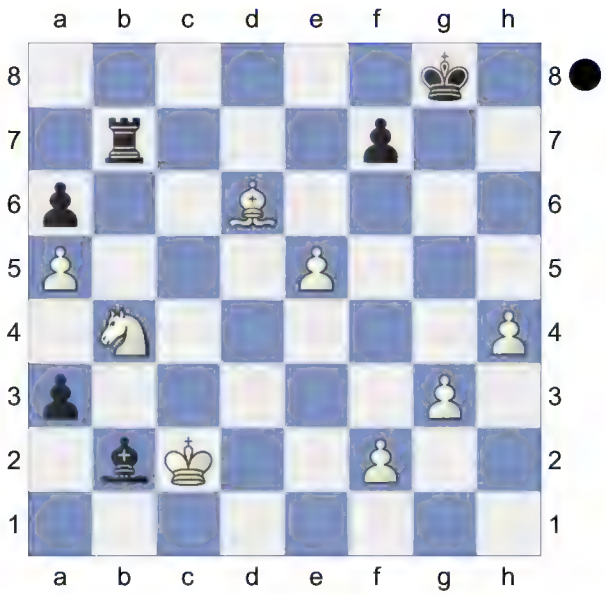
**20...g5 21.Nxg5 hxg5** 0.92/20
[ 21...c4= -0.01/24 22.Ngf3 cxb3 23.Bxf6 Qd5 ]
**22.Bxg5±** Pin **22...c4**
[ 22...Nxe5? 23.Qf5 Ned7 24.g4± *( 24.Ne4 Kg7± )*]
**23.Bxf6 Qd4**



**24.Bc2** -0.01/18
[ 24.Bd1!± 1.21/24 Bg6 25.Nf3 ]
**24...Be2= 25.Bxd3 cxd3 26.Qc1** Nb3 would now be deadly. **26...Qf4→** Black mounts an attack. Chess con chili.
[ 26...Rfc8!? 27.Nc4□ d2 *( 27...Qxc4 28.Qh6 Bxf2+ 29.Kh1 Bxf1 30.Qh8# )* 28.Qxd2 Qxd2 29.Nxd2 Bxf1 *( 29...Rc2 30.Ne4= )* 30.Rxf1 *( 30.Kxf1 Rc2=; 30.Nxf1 Rc2= )* 30...Rc2= ]
**27.Nb3! Qxc1 28.Nxc1 Bxf1 29.Kxf1 Rfc8** 0.72/24
[ 29...d2= 0.11/24 30.Nd3 *( 30.Nb3 Rfc8∓ )* 30...Rbc8 ]
**30.Nxd3± Rc2** 1.30/24
[ 30...Rb7!± 0.39/24 ]
**31.Ra3** -0.01/24
[ Better is 31.Re1± 1.30/24 ]
**31...Rbc8** 0.66/22
[ Black should play 31...b4= -0.01/24 32.Rb3 Rb5 ]
**32.h4** 0.01/23
[ 32.g4± 0.66/22 ]
**32...R8c4!= 33.g3 Ra4 34.Rxa4** -0.77/27
[ 34.Rb3= 0.01/26 remains equal. ]
**34...bxa4** Endgame KRB-KBN Now White is beyond hope. **35.Ke1?** -2.26/30
[ 35.e6∓ -0.69/27 fxe6 36.Ke1 ]
**35...Bd4-+ 36.Be7**
[ Of course not 36.Kd1 Rxb2 37.Be7 *( 37.Nxb2? a3-+ )* 37...Rb3-+ ]
**36...Bxb2 37.Kd1 Rc7 38.Bd6 Rb7 39.Kc2 a3** Strongly threatening ...a2.
**40.Nb4** -7.37/27
[ 40.Bb4∓ -1.60/26 ]



**40...Bxe5!** Deflection. Black is clearly winning. **41.Bxe5 Rxb4 42.f3 a2 43.Bb2 Ra4 44.Ba1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
**44...Ra3**
**0-1**

**81** **C78**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2835**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
Carlsen Inv Prelim rapid (3.3) 22.04.20
*[Mon Hokmome]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences RR: 'Inf 69/(318)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4** White is slightly better. **11...d6 12.f4 Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7**
[ 14.Nd2!? ]
[ 14.e5 Ne4 15.Qe3 Nc5 16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Re1 Nxb3 18.cxb3 Be6 19.Nc3 0-0 20.Ne4 Qd5 21.Bd2 Nf5 22.Qf2 b4 8.♘b3 00 9.f4 ♗e6 10.g4- Saric,I Abu Dhabi 2021 The Week in Chess 352 [Stacy,Frank Newton] ]
**14...c5**
[ 14...Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 20.h4 c5 21.h5 c4 Ye,J (2510)-Tkachiev,V (2630) Geneve 1997 CI1-130 [RR] ]
**15.e5 Ne4N** 0.50/21
[ 15...Nfd5= 0.14/21 feels stronger. 16.Bxd5 *( 16.Qg3 c4∓ )* 16...Nxd5 17.Qf3 Qb6 18.Rxf7 Kxf7 19.Qxd5+ Be6 20.Qd1 Bf5 21.Nc3 c4+ 22.Kh1 Rhf8 23.Nd5 Qb7 24.exd6 Bxc2 25.Qh5+ Bg6 26.Qg5 Be4 27.Qh5+ Bg6 Chapter 7-7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 ]
**16.Qf3** 0.09/20
[ 16.Qe1± 0.50/21 d5 17.c3 ]
**16...d5=** Threatens to win with ...c5-c4.
**17.c3 c4 18.Bc2 Bg4 19.Rxe7+?** -1.89/22
[ 19.Qxg4∓ -0.36/23 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 Qxa7 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.f5 ]
**19...Qxe7** -0.61/21
[ 19...Kxe7-+ -1.89/22 20.Qxg4 Qb6+ 21.Kh1 Nf2+ 22.Rxf2 Qxf2 ]
**20.Qxg4∓ Qc5+ 21.Kh1 Nf2+ 22.Rxf2! Qxf2 23.Qd1** Inhibits Qf2-f1+. **23...0-0 24.Bd2** -0.80/23
[ 24.h3!= -0.01/21 ]
**24...d4** 0.01/22
[ 24...Ra8∓ -0.80/23 ...Ra8-a2 is the strong threat. 25.Na3 Rfb8 ]
**25.cxd4= Rfd8 26.Qc1! b4 27.Be3 Qe2 28.Bg1** -0.68/21
[ White should play 28.h3= 0.01/20 ]
**28...c3** 0.01/20
[ 28...Ra8∓ -0.68/21 29.Nd2 c3 30.bxc3 bxc3 ]
**29.bxc3 bxc3 30.Nxc3 Qc4 31.Nd1** And now Bc2xh7+! would win. **31...Rbc8** 0.50/22
[ 31...Rdc8= 0.01/25 was preferrable. 32.Ne3 Qxd4 ]
**32.Ne3± Qxd4 33.Qf1⇄** -0.01/23 White is not holding back
[ 33.Qb1± 0.48/25 ]
**33...Qd2= 34.Qb1 h6! 35.h3 Rc3** Against Qb1-b3 **36.Qb6** Black must now prevent e5-e6. **36...Qd4 37.Qa5** 0.08/25 &Bianco is more active.
[ 37.Qxd4!± 1.00/22 Rxd4 38.Kh2 *( 38.Nd1 Rxc2 39.Bxd4 Rc1∓ )* ]
**37...Rc5** 1.21/22
[ 37...Qd2= 0.08/25 38.Qb6 Qd4 39.Qxd4 Rxd4 ]
**38.Qa7± Rxc2 39.Nxc2 Qxf4 40.Nd4 Qe4 41.Qb6 Rd5 42.Nf3 Rd3 43.Qb8+ Kh7 44.Qb1 Re3** 1.82/25
**45.Qf1** 1.09/24
[ 45.Qa2+- 1.82/25 Re2 46.Qxf7 ]
**45...Rd3 46.Bf2 Rb3 47.Kh2 Rb1 48.Qa6** 0.01/22
[ 48.Be1!± 1.19/25 ]
**48...Rb2!= 49.Qa7** Threatening Bf2-d4.
[ Don't do 49.Qf1?! Kh8± ]
**49...Qf4+** 0.62/27

[Black should try 49...Qc2!= 0.01/24 50.Kg1 Qc1+ 51.Kh2 *( 51.Ne1 Re2= )* 51...Qc2 ]

**50.Kh1!± Qc1+** 1.79/24

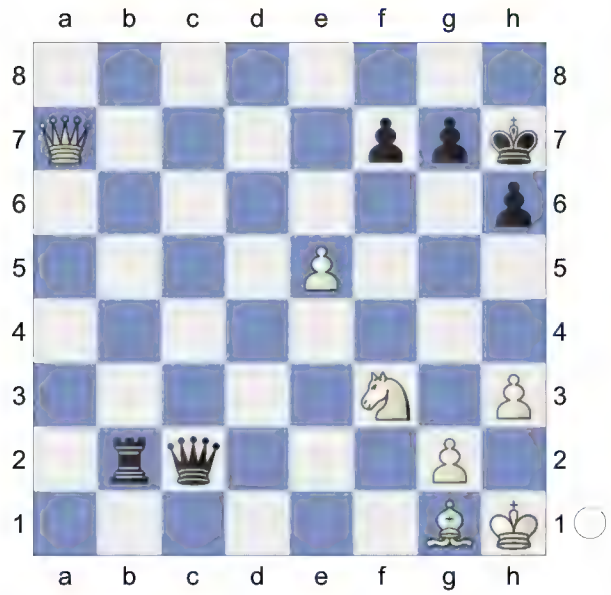
[ 50...Qc4± 0.74/22 51.Bh4 Qe2 ]

**51.Bg1?** 0.01/25

[ 51.Be1!+- 1.79/24 ]

**51...Qc2?** 1.83/24

[ 51...Qf1= 0.01/25 and Black is okay. 52.Nh4 g5 ]



**52.Nh4!+- Qe4 53.Qe7** 0.01/24

[ 53.Qd4± 1.01/26 Rb4 54.Qxe4+ Rxe4 55.Nf3 ]

**53...Rb7** The position is equal. **54.Qd8 Rb3!** ( → ...Rb3xh3+) **55.Nf3 Rxf3 56.gxf3 Qxf3+ 57.Kh2** aiming for Qd8-d2. **57...Qf4+ 58.Kg2** Hoping for Qd8-d4. **58...Qe4+ 59.Kf1 Qf3+ 60.Bf2 Qxh3+ 61.Kg1 Qg4+ 62.Kf1! Qh3+ 63.Kg1 Qg4+ 64.Kf1 Qh3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.24 (precise)

½-½

**82** **C78**

□ **Adams,Michael** **2664**

■ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2495**

WchT Seniors 50 (9.1) 26.02.2025

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3!** is recently more successful than 9.a4.ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 9.a4. **9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Na5N**

[ 10...Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**11.Bc2 Ng4** White is slightly better. **12.b4 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Nc6 14.a4 Bd7 15.Kh1N**

[ 15.Bb3 Black must now prevent axb5. bxa4 16.Bxa4 a5 17.Bb3 -0.01/22 *( 17.b5± 0.37/21 Na7 18.Nc4 )* 17...exd4= 18.bxa5 Nxa5

19.exd4 Nxb3 20.Qxb3 h6 21.Nc4 ½-½ (63) Vachier Lagrave,M (2721)-Caruana,F (2793) Saint Louis Blitz 2024 (16) ]

**15...bxa4 16.Bxa4 a5**

**17.bxa5** 0.08/23
[ 17.b5!± 0.75/22 Na7 18.c4 ]
**17...Nxa5 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Qc2 h6 20.h3 Nc6 21.Nc4 Na5 22.Ncd2 Nc6 23.Rab1 exd4** 0.56/23
[ 23...Qe7= 0.13/22 was preferable. ]
**24.exd4± d5** Repels Nc4 **25.exd5 Qxd5 26.Qd3 Rfe8 27.Nc4**
[ 27.Rb5 simplifies Qe6 28.Nc4 Qe4 29.Qxe4 Rxe4 30.Nxb6 cxb6 31.Rxb6 Ne7 32.Rfb1 ]
**27...Rab8 28.Nh4** Black cannot hold the game after this. **28...Qg5?** 4.06/23
[ 28...Re6± 0.57/23 ]
**29.Nf5+- g6?** 9.09/23
[ 29...Ra8 3.71/20 30.Rf3 Ne7 ]
**30.h4 Qd8 31.Nxh6+**

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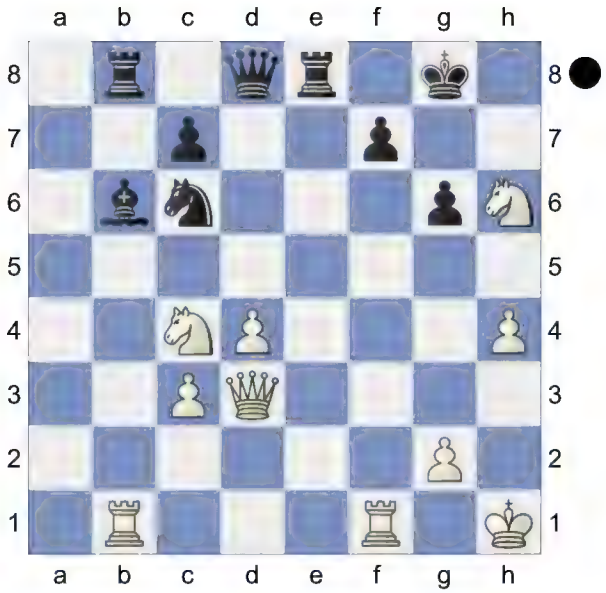

Discovered Attack. A dynamic duo of knights. **31...Kg7 32.Rxf7+ Kxh6 33.Qd2+ g5 34.hxg5+** 18.32/29
[ ⌓34.Qd3 37.16/22 Rh8 35.Qf5 Bxd4 36.Rxb8 *( 36.cxd4 Rxb1+ 37.Kh2 Rf1+- )* 36...Nxb8 37.cxd4 ]
**34...Kg6 35.Qd3+** 10.03/5
[ ⌓35.Qc2+ 33.90/35 Re4 36.Qxe4+ Kxf7 37.Qh7+ *( 37.Qxc6 Qh8+ 38.Qh6 Qxh6+ 39.gxh6 Kg6+- )* 37...Ke8 38.Qg6+ *( 38.Nxb6 Rxb6 39.Qg6+ Kd7+- )* 38...Kd7 39.Qf5+ Ke8 40.Re1+ *( 40.Nxb6 cxb6 41.Re1+ Ne7+- )* 40...Qe7 41.Rxe7+ Nxe7 42.Qe6 ]
**35...Kxf7 36.Qh7+** White mates.
**36...Ke6 37.Re1+ Kd5 38.Qf7+ Re6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.98
**39.Qxe6#**
**1-0**

**83** **C78**
□ **Steinberg,Nitzan** **2554**
■ **Fedoseev,Vladimir1** **3107**
Chess.com INT blitz (6) 14.04.2020
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4N** axb5 is the strong threat.
[ 9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana, F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**9...Bg4 10.d5** -0.19/20
[ 10.h3± 0.37/20 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 ]
**10...Ne7!= 11.Re1 0-0** Black is slightly better. **12.Qd3** -1.24/19
[ 12.h3= -0.25/20 remains equal. Bd7 13.Nbd2 ]
**12...Nd7∓ 13.Be3** -2.25/23
[ 13.Qd1∓ -1.16/20 ]

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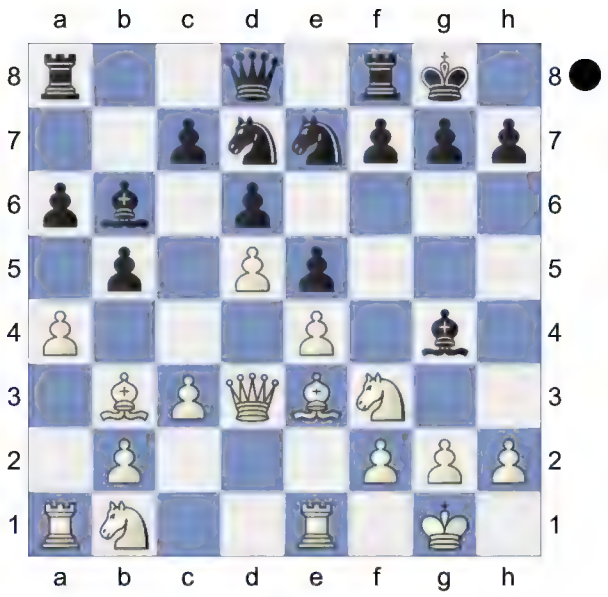
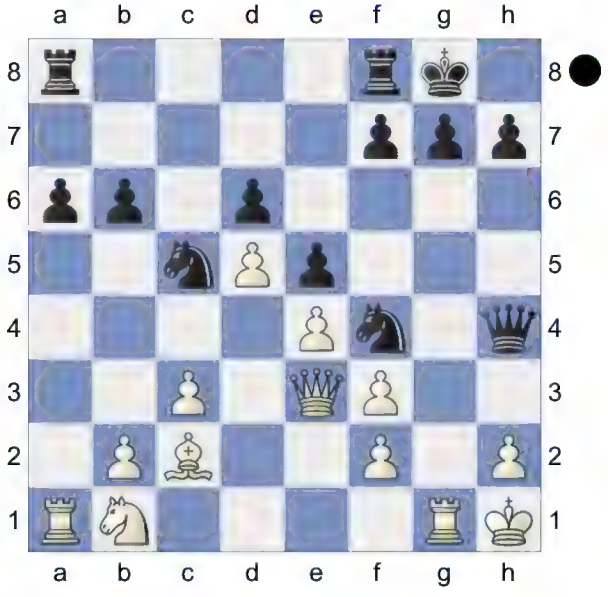
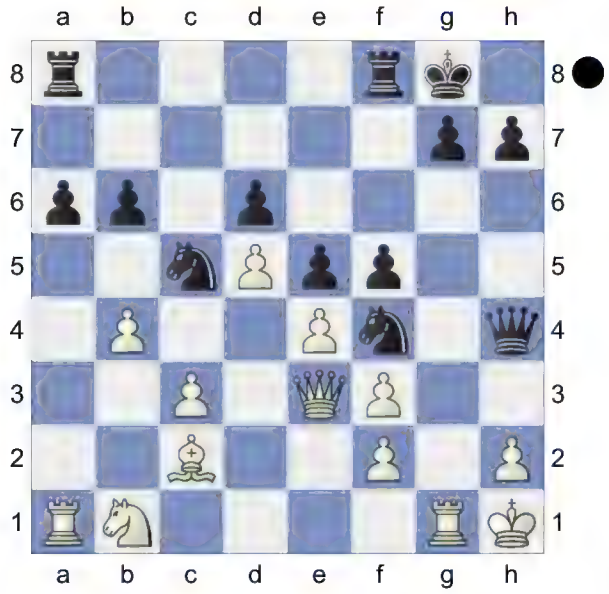


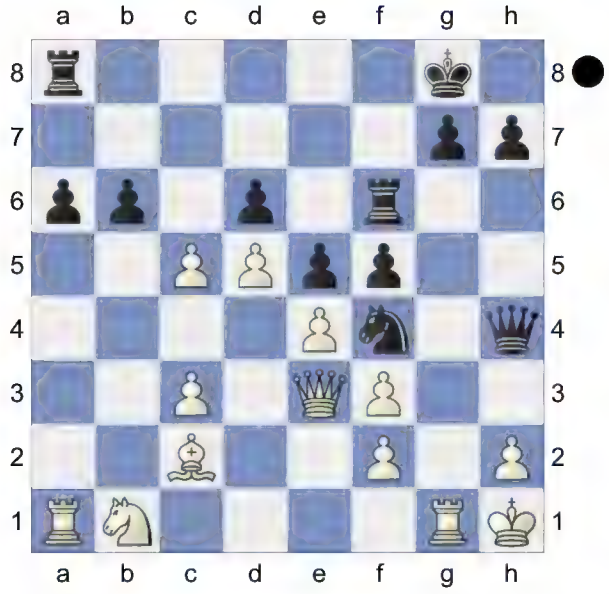
**13...Bxf3!-+ 14.gxf3** -2.36/22
[ ⌓14.Bxb6 -1.89/23 Bxg2 15.Bxc7 Qxc7 16.Kxg2 ]
**14...Ng6 15.Kh1** -2.06/22
[ 15.Bc2 -1.64/21 ]
**15...Qf6** -1.03/20
[ 15...Bxe3-+ -2.06/22 16.fxe3 Nc5 ]
**16.Bxb6** -2.79/24
[ 16.Nd2∓ -1.03/20 ]
**16...cxb6 17.Qe3 Nc5 18.Bc2 bxa4 19.Bxa4 Nf4 20.Bc2** -2.21/21
[ 20.Bc6∓ -1.49/22 was necessary. ]
**20...Qh4 21.Rg1**



Inhibits f5. **21...f5** -0.17/21 Black is more active. **22.b4?** -8.11/22
[ 22.exf5= -0.17/21 Rf6 *( 22...Nxd5 23.Qd2± )* 23.Rg4 ]



**22...Rf6!** ( -> ...Qxh2+!) **23.bxc5**
[ 23.exf5 Rh6 ]



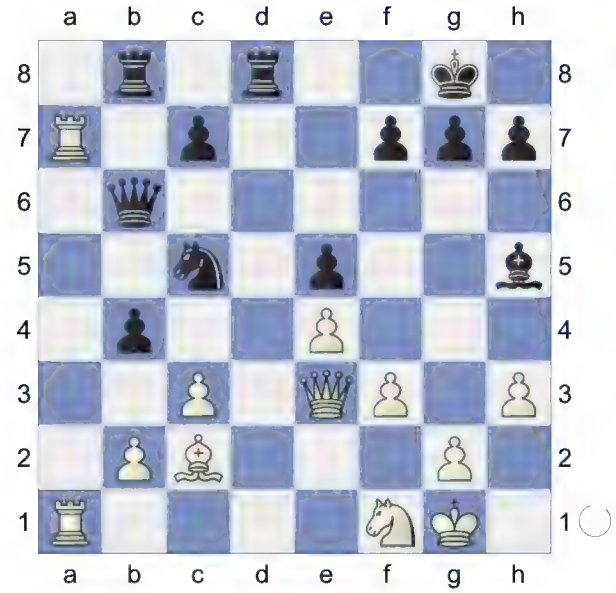
**23...Qxh2+!!** Decoy. Black mates.
**24.Kxh2 Rh6+ 25.Kg3**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.15/ Black=0.32

**25...Rh3#**
**0-1**

**84** **C78**
□ **Svane,Frederik** **2654**
■ **Royal,Shreyas** **2491**
25th ch-EUR Indiv 2025 (3.28) 17.03.25
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.Be3N**
[ 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**10...Bg4 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nbd2** The position is equal. **12...0-0 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qe1 Re8 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.f3 Nd7** 0.71/23
[ 17...Qe7± 0.34/23 ]
**18.Qf2 Bxe3 19.Qxe3 Qe7 20.Ra7**

White is more active. **20...Qd6** 1.36/20
[ Better is 20...Nf8± 0.58/21 ]
**21.Rd1!± Nc5** White must now prevent ...Nxb3. **22.Bc2** 0.70/21
[ 22.Bd5± 1.30/22 ]
**22...Qb6** Wards off b4 **23.Rda1 Red8 24.Nf1 b4**



**25.R7a5! b3 26.Bb1**
[ 26.Rxc5 bxc2 27.Rd5 Qxb2 *( 27...Qxe3+ 28.Nxe3 Rxd5 29.exd5= )* 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8∓ ]
**26...Nd7 27.Bd3 f6 28.Bc4+ Bf7 29.Bxf7+ Kxf7 30.Kh2 Qxe3 31.Nxe3 Nf8! 32.Ra7↑** White has good play.
**32...Rd7 33.R1a6** Threatens to win with Nd5. **33...Ne6 34.Nd5 Nc5 35.Rc6 Nd3** 1.35/30
[ 35...Rb7± 0.63/27 36.Rxb7 Nxb7 ]

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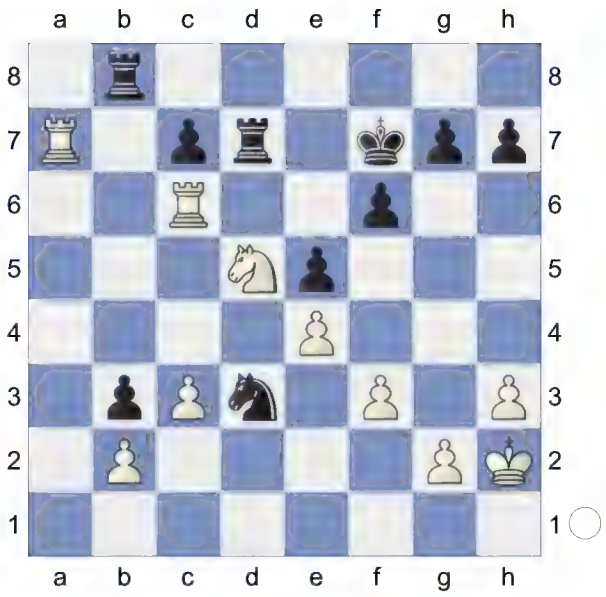
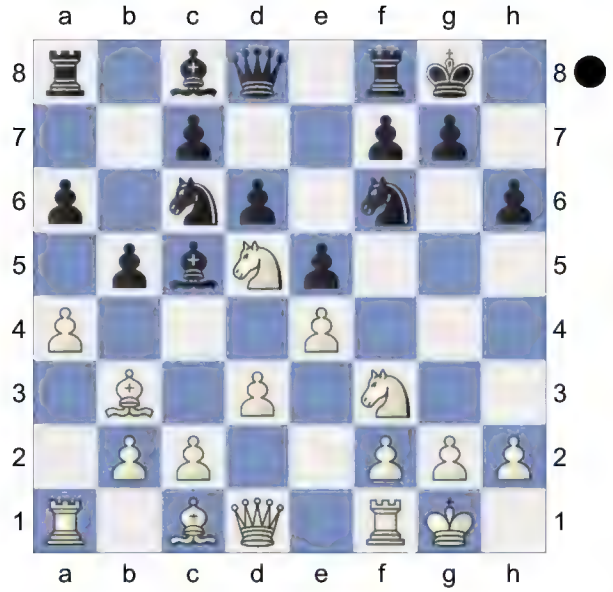


**36.Nb6!** Pin **36...Re7 37.Nc4**
[ 37.Raxc7 Nxb2 38.Nd7 Rb5-+ ]
**37...Kg6 38.Rcxc7 Rxc7 39.Rxc7** This move loses the game for Black.
**39...f5?** 6.32/23
[ 39...h5± 1.46/26 40.Kg3 Kh7 ]
**40.exf5++-** White is clearly winning.
**40...Kxf5 41.Rd7 e4** 8.87/22
[ ⌓41...Nf4 5.14/21 42.Rxg7 Rh8 ]
**42.fxe4+ Kxe4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.45
**43.Rd4+** Deflection
**1-0**

**85** **C78**
□ **Timofeev,Artyom** **2567**
■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
RUS-ch Rapid (7) 16.10.2022
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5!** im Vergleich zu 6...Be7 vielversprechender. **7.d3 0-0 8.Nc3 d6 9.Nd5 h6** Prevents Bg5.

**10.a4**



Hoping for axb5. **10...Rb8 11.axb5 axb5 12.h3 Nxd5**

[ 12...Be6 13.c3 Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Qd7 17.Ne2 Rfe8 18.Ng3 Nf5 19.Kh2 Nh4 20.Qd3 Re7 21.Bd2 Bb6 22.Rac1 Rbe8 23.Bc2 Ng6 24.Bb1 Re5 25.c4 bxc4 26.Qxc4 Rxd5 27.Bc3 0-1 (74) Zhurova,A (2269)-Mkrtchyan,M (2334) The Game has begun U20 Girls 2022 (9) ]

**13.Bxd5 Ne7 14.Bb3 Ng6 15.Be3N**

[ 15.c3 Qf6 16.d4 Bb6 17.Be3 Bb7 18.Bc2 Rfe8 19.Re1 Nf4 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Bxf4 Qxf4 22.Qd7 Qf6 23.Rad1 Red8 Safarli,E (2681)-Brown,M (2524) ProChessLeague (Int.-rapid) 139/(131) 2019 ]

**15...Qf6 16.c3 Nf4** Threatens to win with ...Nxh3+!.

[ 16...Rd8 simplifies 17.d4 exd4 18.cxd4 Bb6 ]

**17.Kh2 b4N**

[Vorgänger: 17...Bb6 18.Ng1 Be6 19.Bxe6 Nxe6 20.b4 c5 21.Nf3 Rfc8 22.Ra6 Nc7 23.Ra3 cxb4 24.cxb4 ½-½ (32) Erenburg,S (2633)-Mulyar,M (2417) Wheeling 2014 ]

**18.d4 Bb6 19.Bc2 bxc3 20.bxc3 Re8 21.Re1 Bb7 22.Qd2 Ne6 23.Rab1 Red8 24.Kg1 Ba8 25.Ra1 Bb7 26.Rab1** Not much happened in this game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

**26...Ba8**

**½-½**

**86** **C78**

□ **Dragnev,Valentin** **2556**

■ **Nasuta,Grzegorz** **2545**

Bundesliga 2425 (8.4) 02.02.2025

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d3 h6**

[ 8...Bb6 9.a4 Bb7 10.Na3 Ne7 11.Bg5 c6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nh4 Bc8 14.Qh5 Ng6 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.Qxf5 Ke7 17.Nc2 h5 18.Ne3 Qg8 19.axb5 Nf4 20.g3 h4 21.Ng4 Nh5 22.Kg2 axb5 23.Rxa8 0-1 (39) Dias,R (2206)-Xu,Y (2316) Merida World Heritage op 3rd 2023 (8) ]

**9.Re1N**

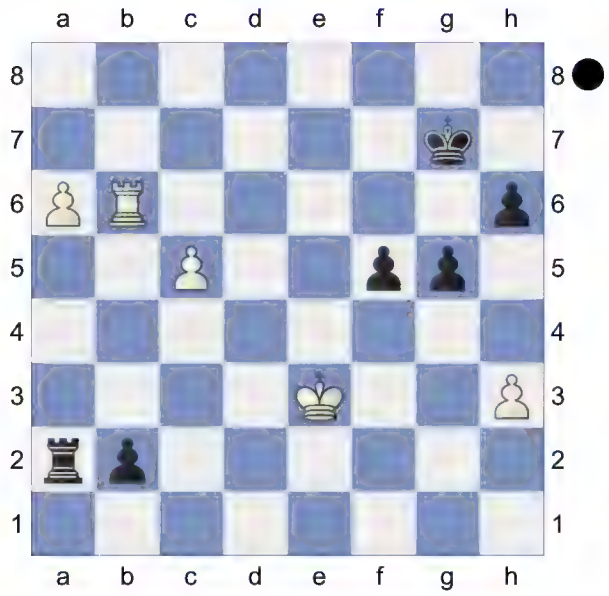
[ 9.a4 Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bb6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 b4 15.Qc2 bxc3 16.bxc3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Nb4 Akopian,V (2712)-Cheparinov,I (2678) Jermuk 106/(95) 2009 ]

**9...0-0 10.Nbd2** 10.Nbd2 is better than 10.h3. 10.Sbd2 ist besser als 10.h3.

**10...Bb6 11.Nf1** The position is equal.

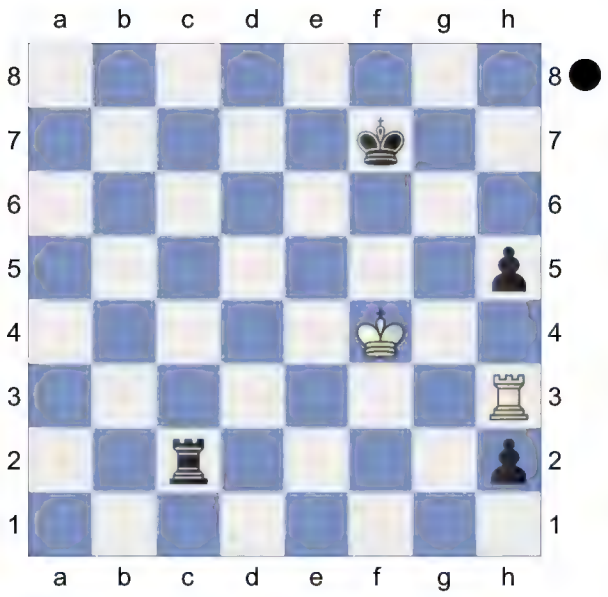
**11...Ne7 12.a4 Rb8 13.h3 Ng6 14.a5**

**Ba7 15.d4 c5 16.Bc2 Qc7N**
[ 16...c4 17.Be3 And now dxe5 would win. Qc7 18.Qd2 Nh5 19.N1h2 Nhf4 20.h4 f6 0.38/19 *( 20...Re8=* -0.24/22 *)* 21.g3 Ne6! 22.b4 Rb7 1.20/25 ½-½ (34) Shachar,E (2356)-Soffer,R (2488) ISR-ch Tiberias 2016 (6) *( 22...cxb3=* 0.11/19 *23.Bxb3 h5 )*]
**17.Be3 Rd8 18.Ng3 d5 19.Nxe5**
[ 19.dxe5 is interesting. Nxe4 20.Nh5 Qe7 21.Bf4 ]
**19...cxd4 20.cxd4 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 dxe4 23.Qe2 Qxe5 24.Bxe4 Qc5 25.Qe1 b4 26.Qc1** -0.26/25
[ ⌓26.Bd3 0.27/24 ]
**26...Rb5 27.Rd3 Rxd3 28.Qxc5 Rxc5 29.Bxd3 Kf8 30.b3 g6 31.Bc4 Bb7 32.Ra4 Bd5 33.Bxd5** -2.25/23
[ 33.Bxa6= -0.01/22 and White is okay. Bxb3 34.Rxb4 Rxa5 35.Rxb3 Rxa6 36.Nf1 ]
**33...Nxd5=** Endgame KRN-KRN
**34.Ne4?** -3.67/23
[ 34.Ra1 -2.13/22 ]
**34...Rc1+-+ 35.Kh2 f5 36.Nd2 Rc2 37.Nc4 Rxf2 38.Ra1 Rc2** -1.63/23
[ ⌓38...g5 -2.74/24 39.Rd1 Nf4 ]
**39.Rd1** -2.34/26
[ ⌓39.h4 -1.63/23 ]
**39...Nf4 40.Rd6?** -3.52/23
[ 40.Ne3 -1.93/23 Rc3 41.Rf1 ]
**40...Nxg2** -1.64/22
[ ⌓40...Rxg2+ -3.52/23 41.Kh1 Rg3 ]
**41.Rxa6** -2.55/21
[ ⌓41.Kg1 -1.64/22 ]
**41...Ne3+** Discovered Attack (Check)
**42.Kg3 Nxc4 43.bxc4** KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **43...Kg7**
[ 43...Rxc4 44.Rxg6 f4+ 45.Kh4= ]
**44.Rc6 g5?** -0.71/23
[ 44...Ra2-+ -2.66/26 is more deadly. 45.Rb6 Rxa5 46.Rxb4 Ra3+ Deflection 47.Kf4 h5 *( 47...Rxh3 48.Rb7+ Kf6 49.Rb6+ Kf7 50.Rb7+ Ke8 51.Rg7= )*]
**45.a6∓ Rc3+** -0.26/24
[ 45...b3∓ -0.79/25 46.Kf3 Ra2 ]
**46.Kg2= Ra3 47.Rb6 b3 48.c5 Ra2+ 49.Kf3 b2** Black is more active. **50.Ke3!**




**h5** -0.28/23
[Black should try 50...Kf7!∓ -1.48/24 ...Rxa6! is the strong threat. 51.Kd4 f4 ]
**51.h4 gxh4 52.a7 Rxa7 53.Kf4**
[ 53.Rxb2 Rc7 54.Kf4 Rxc5 55.Kg5 ]
**53...Rc7 54.Kg5**
[ 54.Rxb2 simplifies Rxc5 55.Kg5 Kf7 56.Re2 ]
**54...h3** ( -> ...h2)
[Resist 54...Rxc5 55.Rb7+ Kf8 56.Rxb2∓ ]
**55.Rxb2 Rxc5 56.Rb7+ Kg8 57.Rb3 h2 58.Rh3 Rc2 59.Kxf5?** -9.54/30
[ 59.Rxh5∓ -0.76/23 Kf7 60.Kf4 ]
**59...Kf7-+ 60.Kf4**

(Diagram)

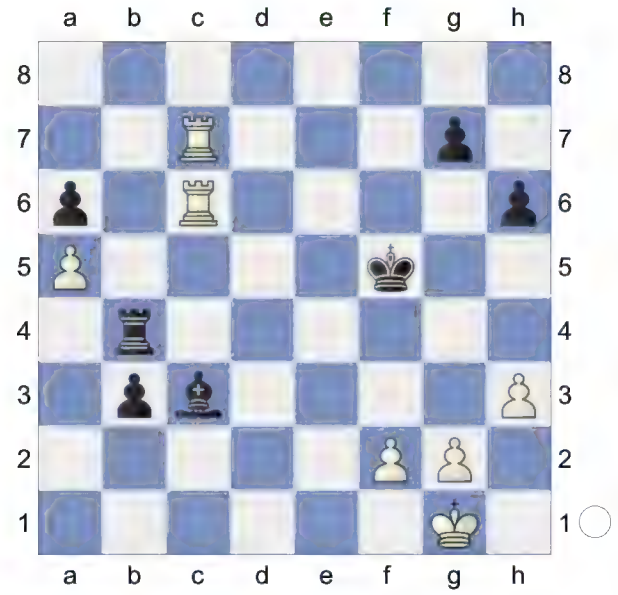


**h4 61.Kg5**
[ 61.Kf5 Rb2 ]
**61...Ke6 62.Kxh4 Rg2 63.Kh5 Rg8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
**64.Re3+**
**0-1**

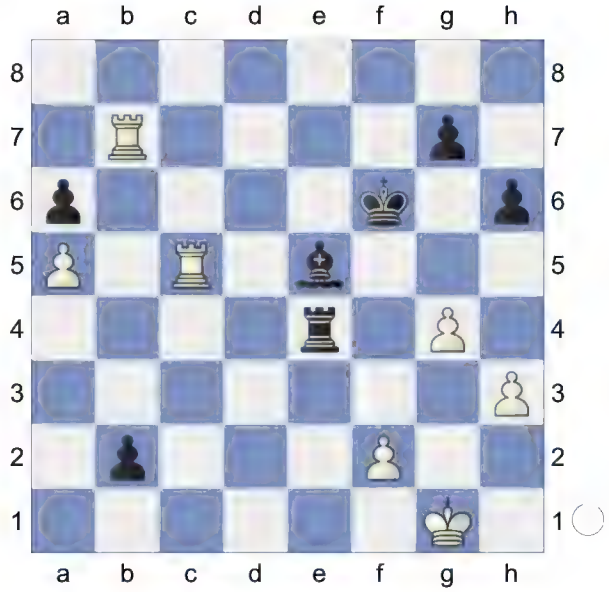
**87** **C78**
□ **Pranav,V** **2615**
■ **Nasuta,Grzegorz** **2506**
Chessable Masters Play In blitz (3)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5!** 10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5. 10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5.
**10...Ba7 11.h3** Wards off Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Be3** White has an edge. **12...Nxe4 13.Re1**
[ 13.d5 Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2 15.Qe2 ]
**13...exd4 14.cxd4N**
[ 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**14...d5** **15.Nbd2!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
**15...0-0 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Ng5 Qe7!**
[ 17...Bxd4? 18.Qh5+- *( 18.Nxe4 Bxb2 19.Qh5 g6∓ )*]
**18.Qh5 h6**
[ 18...Bxd4 19.Qxh7# ]
**19.Nxf7**
[ 19.Bxf7+ is interesting. Rxf7 20.Nxf7 Qxf7 21.Qxf7+ Kxf7 22.d5 ]
**19...Rxf7 20.Bxf7+ Qxf7 21.Qxf7+ Kxf7 22.d5! Bxe3 23.dxc6 Bd4 24.cxb7**
[ 24.Rxe4 Bxb2 25.Rf4+ Ke6 26.Re1+ Kd5 27.cxb7 Bc3 28.Rf5+ Kc6+- ]
**24...Bxb2=** Endgame KRR-KRB
**25.Rad1⇄** White puts up resistance
**25...Rxb7 26.Rxe4 Bc3N** 0.51/25
[ 26...b4 27.Rb1 Bc3 28.Rc4 And now Rxc3 would win. Rb5! 29.Rxc7+ Kg8 30.Rb3 Rxa5 aiming for ...Ra1+. 31.Rbxc3 bxc3 32.Rxc3 Rf5 33.Rc6 Rf6 34.Rc5 Rf7 35.Ra5 Ra7 36.f4 Kf7 37.Kf2 Ke6 38.Kf3 ½-½ Kamalidenova,M (2384)-Prraneeth,V (2464) Dubai op 22nd 2022 (7) ]
[ 26...Bf6= 0.01/25 ]
**27.Rd7+± Kf6 28.Rde7 b4! 29.R4e6+ Kf5** 0.79/27
[ 29...Kg5= 0.21/23 30.Rc6 *( 30.Rxa6? b3-+ )* 30...b3 31.Rxc3 b2 32.Rc5+ *( 32.Rexc7? Rxc7 33.Rxc7 b1Q+-+; 32.Rxg7+? Kf6-+ )* 32...Kg6 *( 32...Kf6 33.Re1± )*]
**30.Rc6±** White is more active.
[ 30.Rxa6 b3 31.g4+ Kf4∓ ]

**30...b3?** 3.56/28
[ 30...Rb5± 1.45/23 is a better defense. ]
**31.Rc5++-**
[ 31.Rxc3 b2 32.Rc5+ *( 32.Rxg7? b1Q+ 33.Kh2 Qa2-+ )* 32...Kg6 *( 32...Kf6 33.Re1± )* 33.Rc6+ *( 33.Rexc7? Rxc7 34.Rxc7 b1Q+-+ )* 33...Kh7+- ]
[ 31.Rcxc7? Rxc7 32.g4+ *( 32.Rxc7? b2-+ )* 32...Kf4 33.Rxc7 b2-+ ]
[ 31.Rxa6? b2 32.g4+ Kg5-+ ]
[ 31.g4+ Kg5 32.Rxc3 b2± ]
**31...Kf6 32.Rexc7**
[ 32.Rcxc7? Rb5 33.Re2 *( 33.Rxg7? b2-+ )* 33...b2 *( 33...Bxa5 34.Rc6+ Kf5 35.g4+ Kg5 36.Rb2+- )* 34.Rc6+ Kf7-+ ]
**32...Rb4**
[ 32...Rxc7 33.Rxc7 b2 34.Rb7± ]
**33.R5c6+** 1.52/26
[ 33.Rxc3+- 3.75/29 and White stays clearly on top. b2 34.Rc1 bxc1N 35.Rxc1 ]
**33...Kf5±**



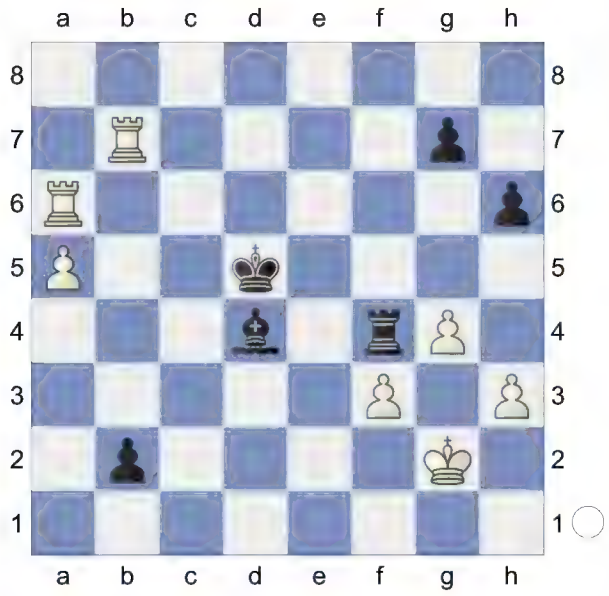
**34.Rc5+?** -0.01/25
[ 34.Rxc3 b2= ]
[ 34.g4+!± 1.54/28 Kg5 35.Rc5+ *( 35.Rxc3 b2+- )* 35...Kf6 36.Rxc3 ]
**34...Be5?** 3.48/30
[ 34...Kf6= -0.01/25 and Black is okay. 35.Rxc3 b2 ]
**35.Re7!+-**
[ 35.Rxg7? b2 36.Rxe5+ Kxe5 37.Re7+ Kf6-+ ]
**35...Re4 36.g4+**
[ 36.Rxg7? Re1# ]
**36...Kf6 37.Rb7 b2**



**38.Kg2! Bd4 39.Rc6+** 1.16/27
[ 39.Rc4+- 3.67/23 is the precise move to win. ]
**39...Ke5± 40.Rxa6** 0.57/22
[ 40.Rxg7? b1Q *( 40...b1B? 41.Rxa6 Bc5 42.Kg3+- )* 41.Rc8 Rf4 42.Re8+ Kd5 *( 42...Kf6? 43.Rf8+ Kxg7 44.Rxf4-+ )* 43.Rd8+ Kc4 44.Rc7+ Kd3 45.Rxd4+ Kxd4-+ *( 45...Rxd4? 46.Re7-+ )*]
[White should try 40.Rcc7+- 1.88/22 ]
**40...Rf4?** 6.17/25
[ 40...Re2± 0.57/22 41.Kg3 *( 41.Rxg7? b1Q-+ )* 41...Rxf2 ]
**41.f3+-**
[ 41.Rxg7? loses. b1Q *( 41...b1B 42.Re7+ Kd5 43.Kg3+-; 41...Rxf2+? 42.Kg3-+ )* 42.Re7+ Kd5 43.Rd7+

Kc4 44.Rc6+ Kd3-+ ]

**41...Kd5**



**42.Rab6! Bxb6 43.Rxb6 Ra4 44.Rb5+?** 0.11/24

[ 44.Rxb2+- 4.39/30 Rxa5 45.Rb7 ]

**44...Ke6!=**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.43

**45.Rxb2** Loss on time!?

**1-0**

**88** **C78**

□ **Amar,Elham** **2568**

■ **Sasikiran,Krishnan** **2595**

Fagernes International Autumn 2023 (4.1)

*[GM Papaioannou,TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** The Modern Archangelsk Variation is an excellent line, but it has quite a lot of theory. **7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 Na5N** The position is equal.

[ 11...h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Qf7 26.Nb7 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**12.Bc2 c5** Black has achieved a very satisfactory position. **13.d5 Ng4! 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bh4 Nh6⇄ 16.Nf1 c4 17.Ne3 Nb7 18.h3 Nf7 19.Nh2 Nc5** So far, it seems that Black is doing great. **20.f3 a5 21.Bf2 a4** This is a surprising decision...and also a high-level move! The idea will be revealed a few moves later.

[ 21...Ba6 0.46/23 21...a4 -0.38 with the idea to prepare ...b4, looks like a logical continuation. ]

**22.a3** -0.83/21

[ 22.Kh1∓ -0.42/19 ]

**22...Nh8 23.h4 Ng6 24.g3** Dodges Nf4

**24...Nb3!** Here we can see the point of provoking a3 - Black gets to play ...Nb3, and after White is on the road to losing.

**25.Bxb3** -0.93/24

[ 25.Rb1 Rf8∓ ]

[ 25.Rb1∓ -0.57/23 should be considered. ]

**25...axb3∓** Black gets a huge space advantage on the queenside which can turn out to be an important long-term asset. Now we can appreciate that Black had an excellent understanding of the position!

[ 25...cxb3!? -0.24/20 25...axb3 -1.17 ]

**26.Qd2 Nf8** Black has more active pieces. **27.Nd1** -1.39/24

[ ⌓27.g4 -0.97/23 ]

**27...f5 28.Kg2** -2.09/25

[ 28.Bxb6∓ -1.47/22 might work better. Qxb6+ 29.Nf2 ]

**28...fxe4 29.fxe4 Nd7 30.h5** -2.41/24

[ ⩲30.Bxb6 -1.81/24 Nxb6 *( 30...Qxb6 31.Nf2∓ )* 31.Rf1 ]

**30...h6 31.Bxb6 Nxb6 32.Nf2 Na4** The knight is very annoying on a4. **33.Rf1 Rf8 34.Rae1** -3.49/23

[ ⩲34.Nfg4 -2.42/24 ]

**34...Ra7!?**

[ 34...Qe8 35.Qe2? -5.35/22 *( 35.g4* -3.30/22 *Nc5 36.Re3 )* 35...b4!!-+ 36.axb4 -6.89/23 *( 36.cxb4 Ba6-+; ⩲36.cxb4* -4.88/22 *c3 37.bxc3 )* 36...Nxb2-+ 37.Qxb2 And now Ra1 would win. Ra2 38.Qb1 Qxh5-+ ]

**35.Nfg4?** -4.22/26

[ 35.Nd1 -2.60/23 ]

**35...Nc5** -2.49/27

[ ⩲35...Rxf1 -4.22/26 36.Rxf1 Nc5 ]

**36.Qe3-+ Qg5 37.Rxf8+ Kxf8 38.Qxg5 hxg5 39.Nf2 Kg8 40.Nf3?** -3.51/26

[ 40.Re2 -1.83/24 ]

**40...g4** -1.83/26

[ ⩲40...Na4 -3.51/26 41.Rb1 g4 ]

**41.Nh2?** -3.45/25

[ 41.Ng5 -1.83/26 ]

**41...Na4** -1.81/27

[ 41...Kh7! 42.Nfxg4? -6.83/27 *( 42.Kf1* -3.41/27 *Rf7 43.Kg2 )* 42...Nd3-+ 43.Rb1 Rf7-+ ]

[ ⩲41...Kh7 -3.45/25 Hoping for ... Bd7. 42.Nhxg4 Bxg4 43.Nxg4 Nd3 ]

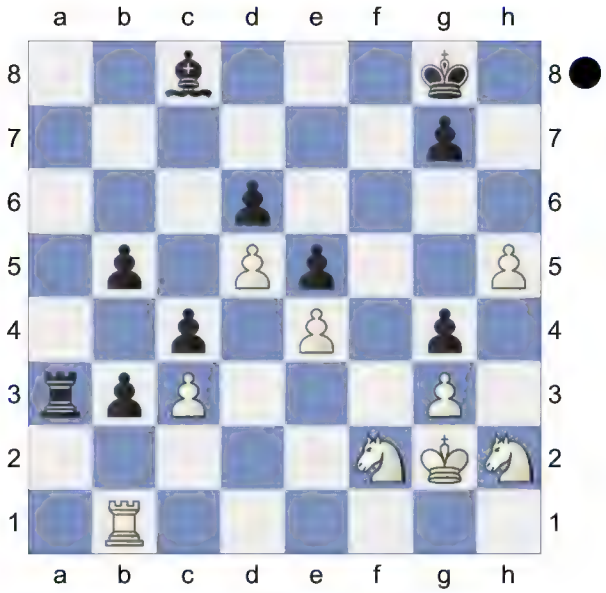
**42.Rb1**

[ 42.Nhxg4? Bxg4 *( 42...Nxb2? 43.Ne3-+ )* 43.Nxg4 Nxb2-+ ]

(Diagram)

**42...Nxb2!** Discovered Attack **43.Rxb2 Rxa3∓** It's very hard to defend against Black's pawns. **44.Nd1?** -6.97/26

[ 44.Rb1

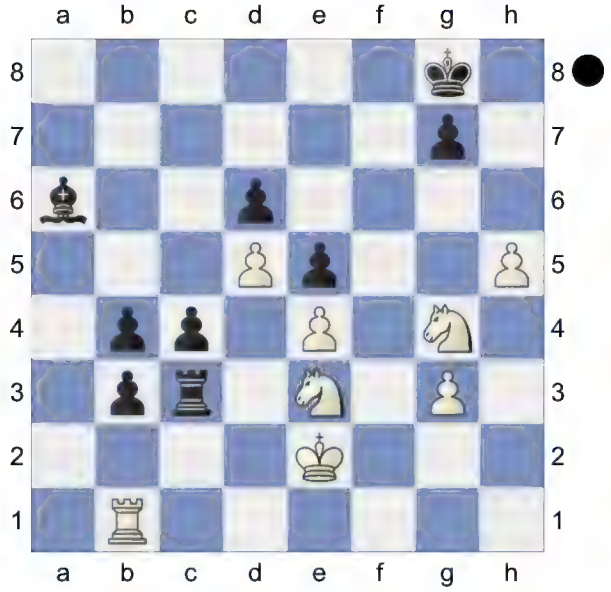


b4! 45.Nd1∓ ]

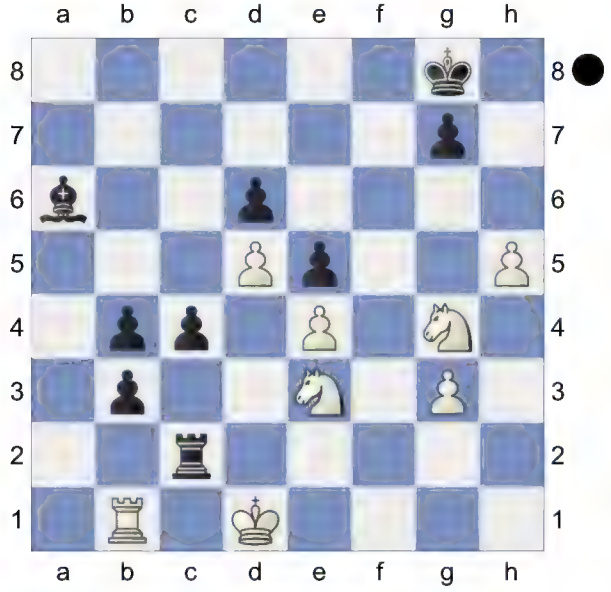
[ 44.Nfxg4? is the wrong capture. Ra2 45.Rf2 Bxg4 *( 45...b2? 46.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 47.Kf1-+ )* 46.Nxg4 Rxf2+ *( 46...b2? 47.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 48.Kf3-+ )* 47.Nxf2 b2-+ ]

[ 44.Nhxg4? Bxg4 *( 44...Ra2? 45.Nf6+ gxf6 46.Rb1-+ )* 45.Rb1 Ra2-+ *( 45...Bxh5? 46.g4-+ )*]

[ ⌓44.Rb1 -2.08/29 ]
**44...Ra1** Black is clearly winning.
[ 44...Ra2-+ ]
**45.Ne3 Rc1-+** Inhibits Nc2. **46.Kf2 Rxc3 47.Ke2 b4 48.Rb1 Ba6 49.Nhxg4**



**Rc2+! 50.Kd1**



**Ra2 51.h6 gxh6 52.Nxh6+ Kf8 53.Nhg4 c3** ( -> ...c2+) **54.Rxb3 Bd3** ( -> ...Ra1+) **55.Ke1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.36
**55...Rb2**
[Weaker is 55...Bxe4 56.Rxb4 Ra1+ 57.Kf2 Ra2+ 58.Kg1 Ra1+ 59.Kf2 Ra2+ 60.Ke1 Ra1+ 61.Ke2 Ra2+ 62.Ke1= ]
**0-1**

**89** **C78**
□ **Hovhannisyan,R.** **2591**
■ **Abasov,N.** **2633**
44th Olympiad 2022 (10.2) 08.08.2022
*[Tony Kosten,TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4**
[The immediate 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.d4 is considered relatively harmless for Black, see Trifunovic,M-Petronic,J in the PGN Archive. ]
**7...Rb8 8.Nxe5N** This is quite a tricky line with the addition of a2-a4 and ... Ra8-b8. Deflection
[ 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2

0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]

**8...Nxe5 9.d4 Bxd4!** White has an edge. **10.Qxd4 d6 11.f4** The critical mainline.

[ 11.Bf4 c5 was analysed by Victor in Durarbayli,V-Vidit,S, you can download this from the PGN Archive. ]

**11...Nc6 12.Qd3**

[ This is a promising alternative to the standard 12.Qc3 Ne7! 13.Qd3 *( 13.axb5 axb5* would again transpose to the two Nakamura games in the PGN Archive. *14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6* Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 *)*]

**12...0-0 13.Nc3**

[ 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nc3 Nb4 15.Qd2 Qe7 transposes to the game. ]

**13...Nb4 14.Qd2 Qe7**

[After 14...Be6?! 15.Bxe6 fxe6 the tactic 16.Nxb5! with advantage, is a good reason to defer capturing with the pawn on b5, Balogh,C (2665)-Gustafsson,J (2643) Austria 2012, 1-0 (31). ]

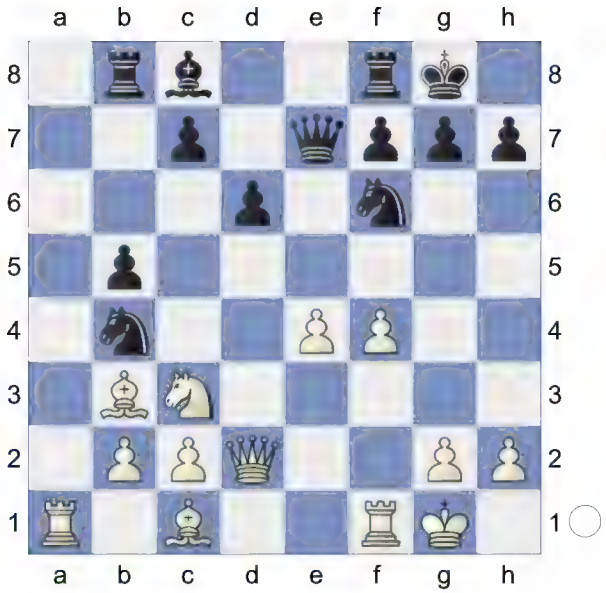
[ 14...bxa4 15.Bxa4 ]

**15.axb5**

[ 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Qxe5 17.Qg5 ]

**15...axb5**

(Diagram)



**16.e5!** A strong move, sacrificing a pawn

**16...dxe5 17.fxe5 Qxe5 18.Qf4!?** A good novelty, offering an exchange of queens despite being a pawn down.

[ 18.Qf2 Qh5 19.Bf4 Nbd5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Bg3 Be6 22.Rae1 Ziaziulkina,N (2363)-Hoare,A (1930) Budva 2013, 1-0 (52), Qh6 23.Qc5 Qd2 with a small edge to White. ]

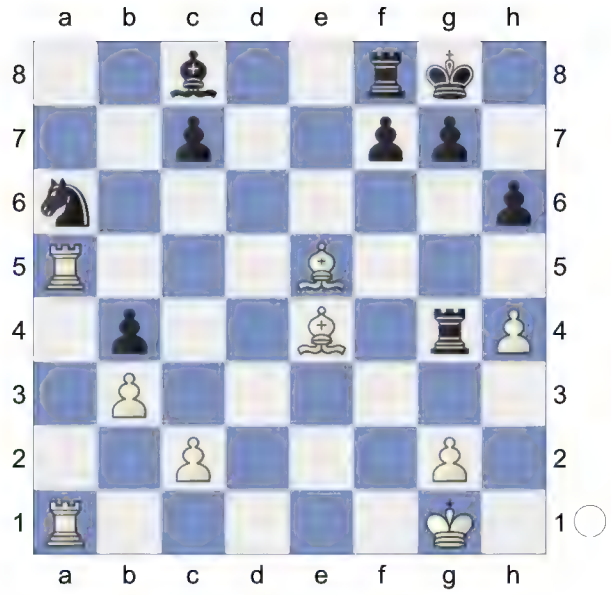
[ 18.Qf2 Nbd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Qc5 ]

**18...Qxf4**

[ Strangely, it is probably best to keep the queens on and the white dark-squared bishop undeveloped, a couple of days later black improved with 18...Qe7! 19.Qh4 Nbd5 *( 19...Be6 20.Bg5 Qc5+ 21.Kh1 Nbd5* is also fine.*)* 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Qxe7 Nxe7 22.Bf4 Be6! 23.Bxc7 Rb7 24.Bxe6 fxe6 *( 24...Rxc7 25.Bb3 Nc6* might be simpler.*)* 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.Be5 Nc6 27.Bd6+ Ke8 28.Bc5 Rd7 29.b4 *( 29.Ra6! )* 29...Rd2 30.Ra6 Kd7 31.Rb6 Kc7 32.Rxb5 &-& Baklan,V (2582)-Vrolijk, L (2464) Vlissingen 2022, as. and Bf8 should not be overlooked Rxc2

33.Bb6+ Kd7 is equal. ]
[ 18...Qe7 feels hotter. 19.Qh4 Nbd5 20.Bg5 Qc5+ ]
**19.Bxf4 Na6 20.Ra5** 0.12/22 White has more active pieces.
[ 20.Nd5! first, is more accurate, Nxd5 21.Bxd5 Rb6 22.c3 Prevents Nb4. Be6 23.Bf3 and Black still has to sort the problem of his knight. ]
[ 20.Nd5± 0.75/24 Nxd5 21.Bxd5 ]
Loses the game. **20...b4?!** 2.55/25
[ Black had to grab the chance to play 20...Nc5! 21.Bxc7 Rb7 22.Be5 Nxb3 23.cxb3 b4 24.Bxf6 bxc3 fairly equal, e.g. 25.Rg5 g6 26.Bxc3 Rxb3 ]
[ 20...Nc5= 0.12/22 and Black has nothing to worry. ]
**21.Nd5+- Nxd5 22.Bxd5**
[ 22.Rxd5 Be6= ]
**22...Rb6 23.Rfa1** White has strong compensation. **23...h6 24.b3** 1.28/24 Black is a pawn up but the a6-knight is stuck out on a limb and the white bishops are totally dominant.
[White should play 24.Bg3+- 1.64/22 ]
**24...Rf6** 1.70/23
[ 24...Re8± 1.28/24 25.Bc4 Rf6 ]
**25.Be5 Rf5 26.Be4 Rg5 27.h4 Rh5** 4.57/24
[ 27...Rg4

(Diagram)

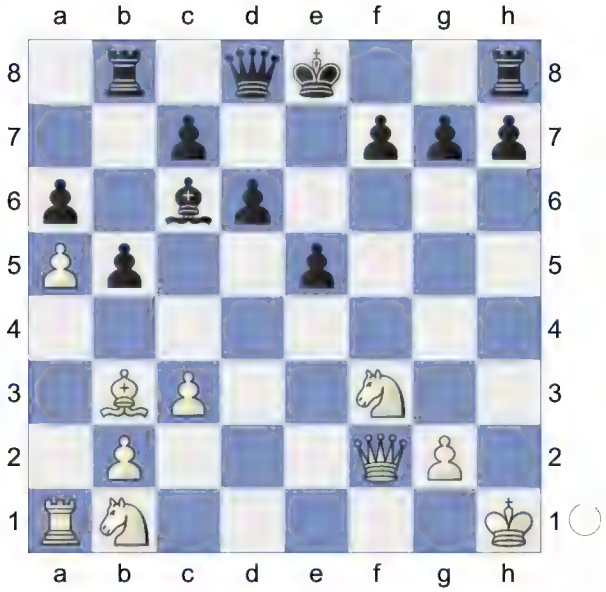



28.Bc6! ]
[ 27...Rg4 1.83/26 was necessary. 28.Bc6 Nb8 ]
**28.Bf3** A strong pair of Bishops. White is clearly winning. **28...Rxh4** 6.39/24
[ 28...Rf5 29.Bg4 Rxe5 30.Rxe5 Bxg4 31.Rxa6 ]
[ ⌓28...Rf5 4.43/23 29.Bg4 Rxe5 30.Rxe5 Bxg4 ]
**29.Rxa6**
[ 29.g3! is even stronger. ]
**29...Bxa6 30.Rxa6 Re8** Rook and two pawns could be enough for two bishops. but not here. **31.g3 Rxe5 32.gxh4** Endgame KRB-KR **32...c5 33.h5 Kf8 34.Kf2 Ke7 35.Be2 Rg5 36.Ke3 g6 37.Kf4** White wants to leave the f7-pawn in place to attack it with Bc4 and Ra7, so he avoids capturing on g6. **37...Rf5+**
[ 37...gxh5 38.Rxh6 ]
**38.Ke4 Rg5 39.Rb6 Rg2 40.Bc4 Rg4+**
[ 40...Rxc2 41.Ke5 Rd2 42.Rf6 Ke8 43.Rxf7 gxh5 44.Rh7 is easily winning despite only having one white pawn left on the board. ]
**41.Kf3 Rg5 42.Rb7+ Kd6 43.Rxf7 Rxh5 44.Rf6+ Ke5 45.Rxg6 Kd4**

**46.Rg3 Rh2 47.Kf4 Rh4+**
[ 47...Rxc2?? 48.Rd3# ]
**48.Kf5 Rh5+ 49.Ke6 Rh2 50.Rd3+ Ke4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.42
**51.Kd6**
**1-0**

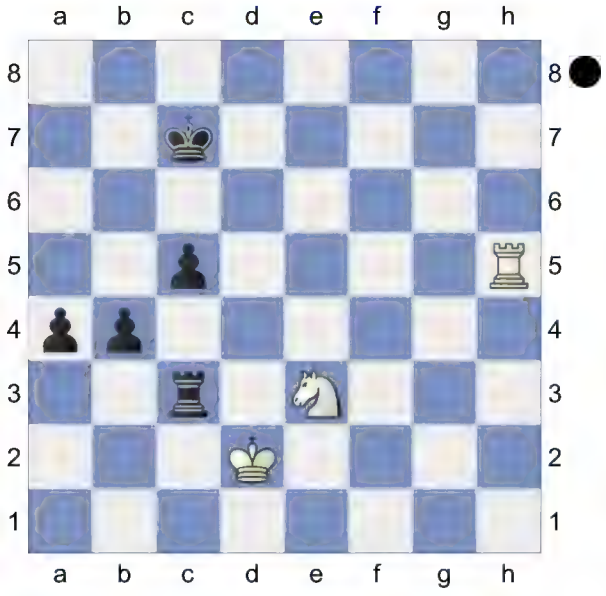
**90** **C78**
□ **Kosakowski,Jakub** **2486**
■ **Duda,J** **2732**
chess.com Speed Poland (3.6) 28.01.24
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5 Ba7**
[ 10...Nxa5 11.Ba2∓ ]
**11.h3!** Repels Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Be3** d5 would now be deadly. White is slightly better. **12...Nxe4 13.d5N**
[ 13.Nbd2 exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**13...Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2! 15.Qe2 Nxh3+ 16.Kh1! Nf2+ 17.Rxf2 Bxf2 18.Qxf2** 0.07/21
[ White should play 18.cxb7± 0.82/23 Ba7 19.c4 ]
**18...Bxc6=**

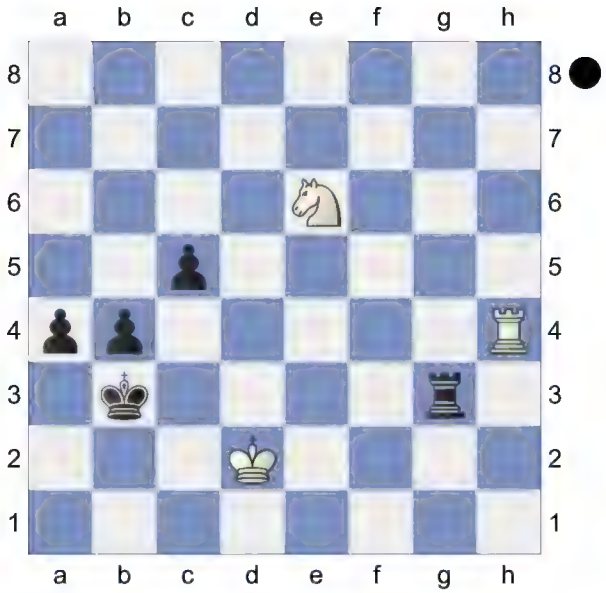


**19.Nxe5!** Double Attack **19...Bxg2+ 20.Kg1**
[ 20.Kxg2!? Qg5+□ *( 20...dxe5 21.Qxf7# )* 21.Kf1 Qxe5 *( 21...dxe5 22.Qxf7+ Kd8 23.Nd2= )* 22.Qxf7+ Kd8 23.Be6 Qf6+ 24.Qxf6+ gxf6 25.Nd2= ]
**20...0-0 21.Nxf7 Qe7 22.Kxg2**
[ 22.Ng5+? d5 23.Qxg2 Qe1+ 24.Kh2 Rf2 25.Bxd5+ Kf8-+ ]
**22...Qe4+ 23.Qf3**
[ 23.Kh2 d5 24.Nd2 Qe5+ 25.Nxe5 Rxf2+ 26.Kg1 Rxd2∓ ]
**23...Qxf3+** Remove Defender **24.Kxf3 Rxf7+** 0.44/24
[ 24...b4= 0.01/25 25.Nd2 bxc3 26.bxc3 Rxf7+ 27.Bxf7+ Kxf7 ]
**25.Bxf7+± Kxf7=** Endgame KRN-KR

**26.Nd2 g5 27.Rd1 Re8 28.Nf1 h5 29.Ne3! g4+ 30.Kf2 Ke6** 1.13/24
[ 30...Re5= 0.15/22 ]
**31.Rh1** 0.09/21
[Only move: 31.Nd5!± 1.13/24 Rf8+ 32.Kg2 ]
**31...Rf8+ 32.Ke2 g3! 33.Rxh5 Rf2+ 34.Kd3 Rxb2 35.Rg5 Ra2 36.Rxg3 Rxa5 37.Rg7 c5 38.Rg6+ Ke5 39.Rh6 Ra3 40.Rh5+ Ke6 41.Rh6+ Ke5 42.Rh5+ Ke6 43.Rh6+ Kd7 44.Nf5 b4 45.Rxd6+ Kc7 46.Rd5** -0.82/28
[ 46.Kd2= -0.01/20 ]
**46...Rxc3+∓ 47.Kd2 a5** Black has strong compensation. **48.Ne3?** -2.70/27
[ 48.Rd3∓ -0.97/24 ]
**48...a4?** -0.40/27
[ 48...Kc6!-+ -2.70/27 49.Rd8 c4 ]
**49.Rh5?** -2.34/25
[ 49.Rd3∓ -0.40/27 Rxd3+ 50.Kxd3 ]



**49...Kc6!-+ 50.Rh6+ Kb5 51.Nd5?** -6.26/25
[ 51.Rh8∓ -1.48/25 ]
**51...Rg3** Black is clearly winning.
**52.Nc7+ Kc4 53.Rh4+ Kb3 54.Ne6**
(Diagram)

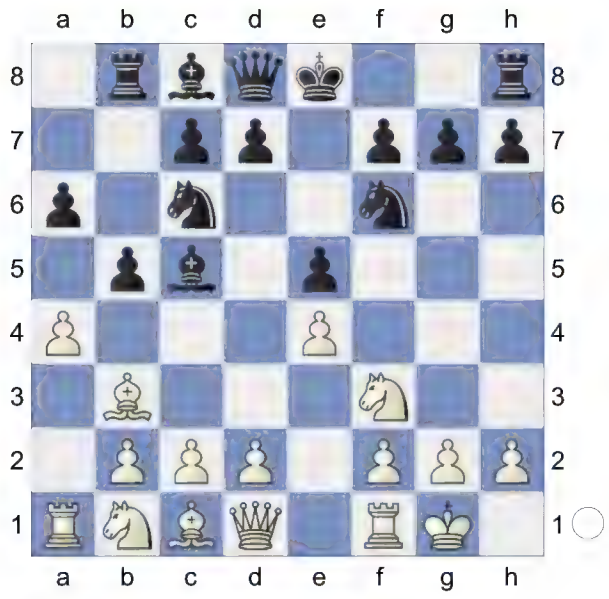


**Rc3** Threatens to win with ...a3. **55.Nf4 a3 56.Nd5 a2 57.Rh1 Rc2+ 58.Kd3 Kb2 59.Ne3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
**59...Rc3+**
[Weaker is 59...a1N 60.Nc4+ Rxc4 *( 60...Ka2 61.Rxa1+* Remove Defender *Kxa1 62.Kxc2= )* 61.Kxc4= ]
**0-1**

**91** **C78**
□ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** **2490**
■ **Pichot,Alan** **2588**
Tashkent UzChess Futures 2nd (3)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** 6...Bb7 is setting a new trend.6...Lb7 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7.a4** axb5 would now be deadly. **7...Rb8**

(Diagram)



**8.Nxe5N** Deflection

[ 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

[ 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 *( 12.f4 Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6* Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 *)* 12...c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]

**8...Nxe5 9.d4 Bxd4** White is slightly better. **10.Qxd4 d6 11.f3 c5 12.Qf2 h6 13.Rd1 0-0 14.Nc3 b4 15.Ne2 Be6N**

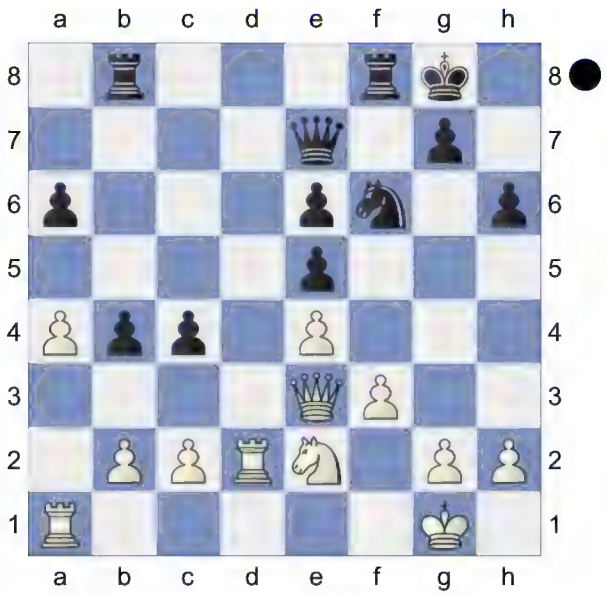
[ 15...Qc7 16.h3 a5 17.Be3 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Bf4 Rbd8 20.Qe3 Qc8 21.Re1 Ng6 ½-½ (27) Van Bommel,T-Gutow,P (2077) W-ch WS/H/931 email 2022 ]

**16.Bf4 Qe7 17.Bxe5** -0.35/23

[ 17.h3= 0.27/21 ]

**17...dxe5∓ 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qe3 c4** Repels Qd3 **20.Rd2** -0.91/24

[ 20.Ng3∓ -0.44/21 ]



**20...Nd7!∓ 21.Ng3** -1.50/22

[White should try 21.b3 -0.73/23 ]

**21...Nc5** Now White is beyond hope.

**22.Qe2?** -4.35/22

[ 22.b3∓ -1.53/22 ]

**22...c3-+ 23.bxc3**

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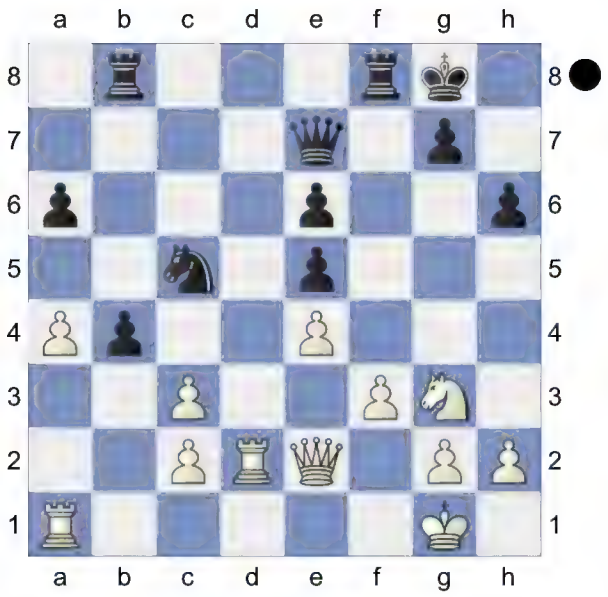
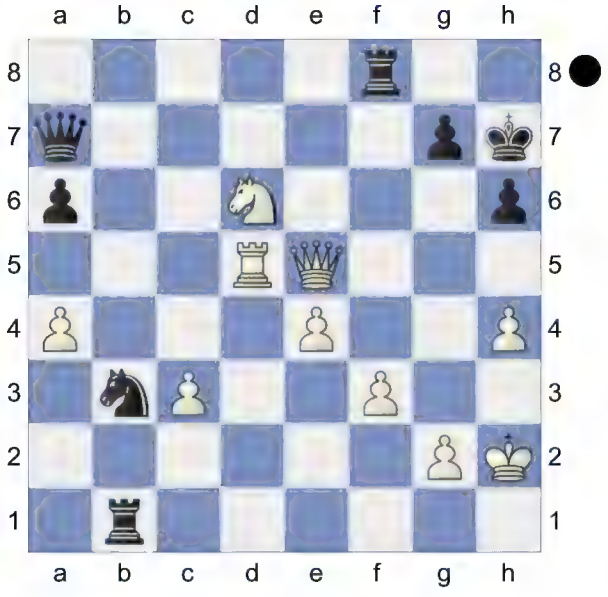


**b3 24.Qc4 Rfc8 25.Nf5 Qa7 26.Kh1 Kh7 27.Nd6 Rd8 28.cxb3 Nxb3 29.Qxe6 Nxa1 30.h4 Rf8** and ...Rb1+ would now be decisive **31.Qxe5 Rb1+ 32.Kh2 Nb3 33.Rd5**

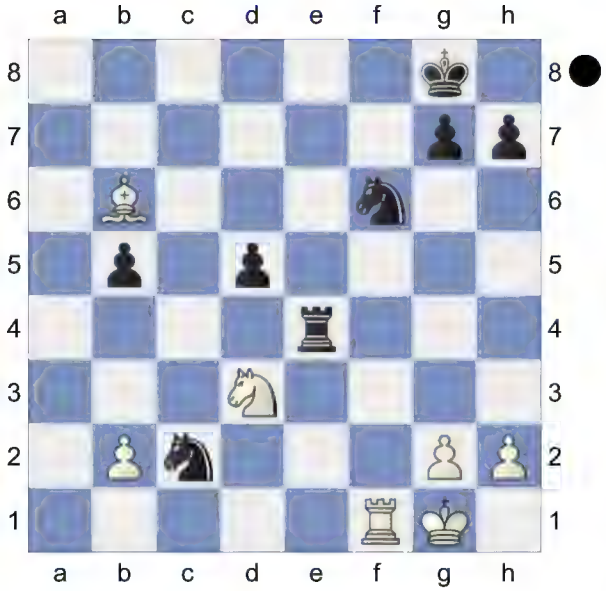


**Rxf3!** ( -> ...Qg1#) **34.gxf3**
[ 34.Rd4 Rxc3 ]
**34...Qf2+ 35.Kh3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.07 (flawless)
**35...Qxf3+**
**0-1**

**92** **C78**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2533**
■ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**
Moscow Stars Rapid (7) 28.06.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5** Remove Defender, Deflection **9...Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4** White has an edge. **11...d6 12.f4**
[ 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bg4 26.Nd4 Qb6 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**12...Nc6** **13.Qd3N** outshines the older 13.Qc3. erfolgreicher als das alte 13. Dc3.
[ 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 ]
**13...0-0 14.Nc3 Nb4 15.Qd2 Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Ne2 Nc6** **18.Qd3N**
[ 18.Ng3 Qd7 19.b3 e5 20.Bb2 Rbe8 21.Rf3 Qe6 22.Re1 exf4 23.Rxf4 aiming for Bxf6. Ne5 24.Rf5 ½-½ (34) Lagno,K (2542)-Goryachkina,A (2553) Candidates Tournament (Women) 2024 (8) ]
**18...d5 19.exd5** -0.01/20
[ 19.e5!± 0.50/23 Ne4 20.Be3 ]
**19...Qxd5= 20.Qxd5 exd5 21.f5 Rbe8↑** Black fights for an advantage.
**22.Nf4 Nd4** Repels Ne6 **23.Ra7**

-0.72/24
[ 23.Ra6= -0.26/22 feels stronger. ]
**23...Rf7** -0.34/23
[ 23...Nxf5 24.Rxc7 Nd4 25.Rd1= ]
[ 23...c5∓ -0.72/24 ]
**24.Bd2** -1.69/23
[ 24.c3∓ -0.34/23 Nxf5 25.Nd3 ]
**24...Nxf5** -0.83/22 A dynamic duo of knights.
[ 24...c5-+ -1.69/23 25.Rxf7 Kxf7 ]
**25.Ba5?** -2.52/22
[ 25.Nd3∓ -0.83/22 Nd4 26.Bb4 ]
**25...Nd4?** -0.71/24
[ 25...Ne3!-+ -2.52/22 is more deadly. 26.Rc1 c5 ]
**26.Rxc7∓ Rxc7** Remove Defender
**27.Bxc7 Nxc2 28.Bb6 Re4 29.Nd3** -1.48/20
[ ⌓29.g3 -0.71/20 ]



**29...Nb4! 30.Nc5 Re2** -1.16/20
[ 30...Rc4-+ -1.64/20 31.h3 Nc6 ]
**31.Bd8?** -2.93/22
[ 31.Rf2∓ -1.16/20 was forced. Rc2 32.Rxc2 Nxc2 33.Nb3 ]

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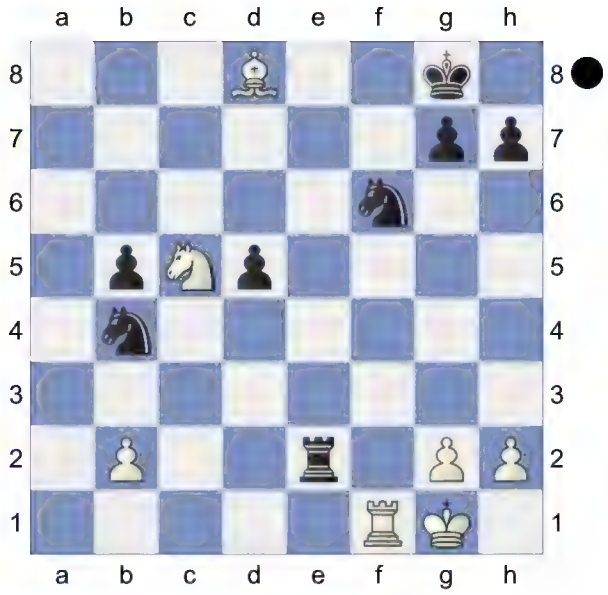

**31...Rxb2?** -0.24/21
[Black should try 31...Ng4!-+ -2.93/22 32.Nd7 h6 *( 32...Rxb2 33.Rf8# )*]
**32.Bxf6= gxf6 33.Rxf6 Rc2 34.Ne6 Rc8** Wards off Rf8+. Black wants to play ...Nd3. **35.Nd4!**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.46
**35...Nc2**
**½-½**

**93** **C78**
□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2566**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2651**
Tashkent President op 2nd (3) 08.09.22
*[Kitty Kat]*

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[ 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6

Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]

**10...axb5 11.Qd3N**

[ 11.Na3

**A)** 11...0-0 12.Nxb5 exd4 13.cxd4 Bg4 14.Be3 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Qe8 *( 15...Na5 16.Qxe4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxb3 18.Ra3 Na5 19.Rc1 d5 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Rac3 Ba5 22.Bxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxc7 Qxc7 24.b3 Rb4 25.bxc4 Rxc4* ½-½ Dominguez Perez,L (2610)-Charbonneau,P (2442) 88/(138) Buenos Aires 2003 *)* 16.Ba4 Bd7 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne7 19.c4 Bxa4 20.Rxa4 Nf5 21.Ra3 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Qc6 23.Ng5 g6 24.Qd3 Qd7 Chirila,I (2485)-Anton,T (2350) Budva 106/(95) 2009;

**B)** 11...Ba6 12.Re1 h6 13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Ne3 0-0 15.Nf5 Ne7 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C4 2000 ]

**11...0-0** 11...Bd7 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **12.Bg5! Bg4 13.Nbd2** White is better.

[ 13.Qxb5 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Ne7 ]

**13...Na5 14.dxe5N** White is more active.

[Vorgänger: 14.Bc2 0.54/19 14.Bd5 0.92 Nc4! 15.b3 0.08/21 *( 15.Nxc4± 0.55/20* is more appropriate. *bxc4 16.Qxc4 Bxf3 17.gxf3 )* 15...Nxd2= 16.Nxd2 h6 17.Be3 g5 0.59/18 *( 17...Bh5=* -0.03/20 *)* 18.f3 Be6 19.g4 0.07/21 Against Nh5 *( 19.Ra2± 0.44/19 )* 19...Kg7 20.Kg2 Ng8 0.71/19 *( 20...Nh7=* 0.13/20 remains equal.*)* 21.Rh1? -0.83/23 *( 21.h4±* 0.71/19 keeps the pressure on.*)* 21...Ne7∓ Threatens to win with ...Rh8. 22.h4 -1.13/22 *( 22.Nf1!∓* -0.55/21 *)* 22...f6? 0.84/19 *( 22...Ng6∓* -1.13/22 *23.hxg5 hxg5 )* 23.h5 ½-½ (23) Winiwarter,F (2154)-Azad,R (2138) Neumarkt am Wallersee 2010 ]

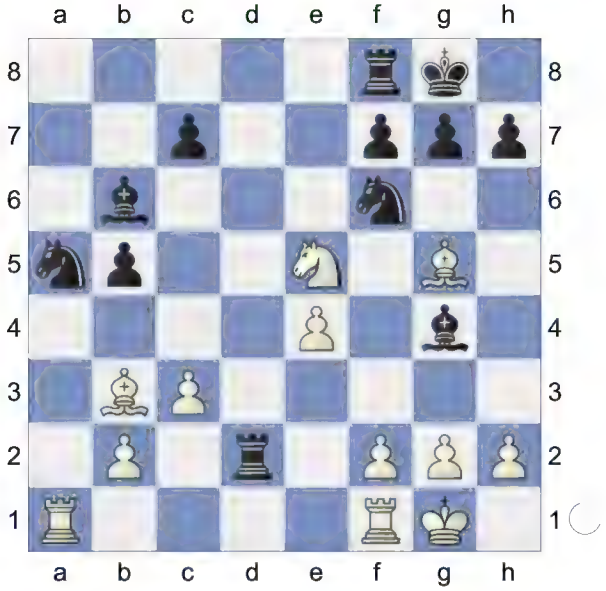
[ 14.Qxb5 exd4 15.cxd4 *( 15.Rxa5 dxc3 16.bxc3 Bxf3∓ )* 15...Nxb3 16.Qxb3 Bxd4∓ ]

[ 14.Bd5 is more complex. h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.h3 ]

**14...dxe5 15.Qxd8 Rbxd8 16.Nxe5** -0.06/24

[White should play 16.Bd5!± 0.54/22 ]

**16...Rxd2!=**




Remove Defender, Decoy **17.Rxa5** -0.93/24

[ 17.Bxf7+!= 0.01/25 Rxf7 18.Bxd2 ]

**17...Rxb2∓ 18.Rxb5 Be6 19.Bc4 Rxb5 20.Bxb5 Nxe4 21.Be7 Rb8** -0.35/23

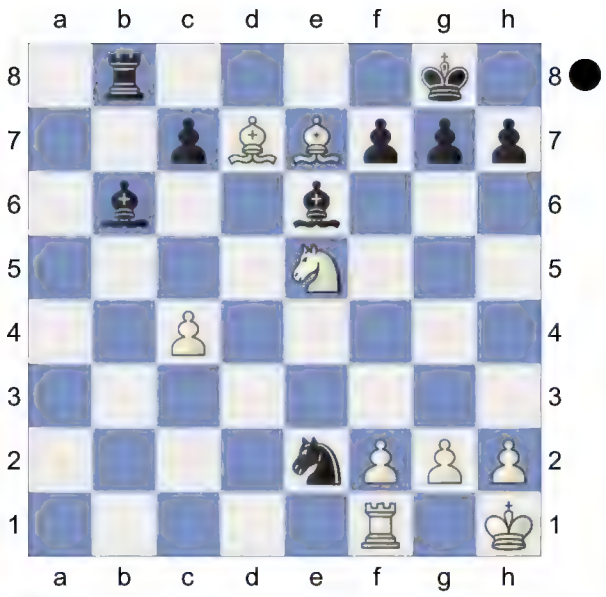
[Better is 21...Rc8∓ -0.94/23 22.c4 h6 ]

**22.c4!∓ Nc3** -0.11/24

[ 22...f6∓ -0.56/24 23.Nc6 Ra8 ]

**23.Bd7= Ne2+ 24.Kh1**

(Diagram)



And now Nc6 would win. **24...Bxf2!** Deflection, Back Rank. The position is equal. **25.Bxe6**

[ 25.Nc6 Ra8 *( 25...Rb6? 26.Bxe6 Rxc6 27.Bd5+- )* 26.Bxe6 fxe6∓ ]

**25...fxe6 26.g4! Be3 27.Nc6 Re8** Black wants to play ...Nd4. **28.Bd8 Bb6 29.Ne7+ Kh8 30.Nc6 h6 31.Rf7 Kg8 32.Rd7 Rf8 33.Bxc7 Rf1+ 34.Kg2 Rf2+ 35.Kh1 Rf1+ 36.Kg2 Rf2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless) **37.Kh1**

**½-½**

**94** **C78**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2843**

■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2781**

Baerum Fischer Random Rapid (4)

*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.c3**

[ 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1. 7) ]

**9...d6 10.d4 Bb6 11.h3N** Repels Bg4

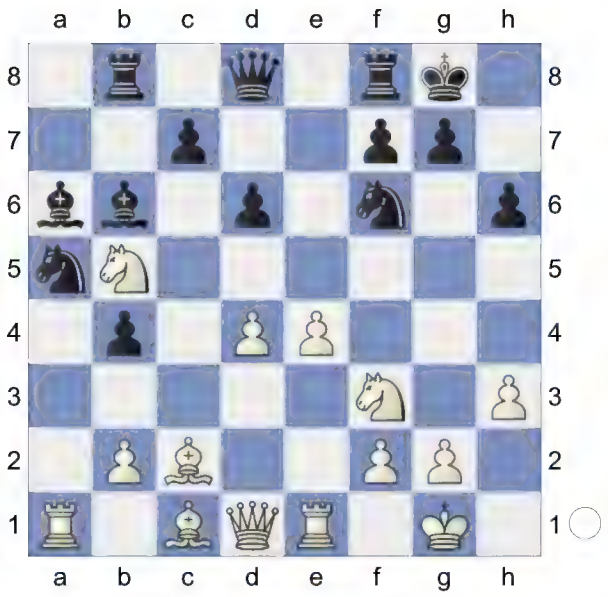
[ 11.Na3

**A)** 11...0-0 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Be3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Na5 *( 15...Qe8 16.Ba4 Bd7 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne7 19.c4 Bxa4 20.Rxa4 Nf5 21.Ra3 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Qc6 23.Ng5 g6 24.Qd3 Qd7* Chirila,I (2485)-Anton,T (2350) Budva 106/(95) 2009*)* 16.Qxe4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxb3 18.Ra3 Na5 19.Rc1 d5 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Rac3 Ba5 22.Bxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxc7 Qxc7 24.b3 Rb4 25.bxc4 Rxc4 ½-½ Dominguez Perez,L (2610)-Charbonneau,P (2442) 88/(138) Buenos Aires 2003;

**B)** 11...Ba6 12.Re1 h6 13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Ne3 0-0 15.Nf5 Ne7 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C4 2000 ]

**11...0-0 12.Re1 h6 13.Na3** White has an edge. **13...exd4 14.cxd4 Na5 15.Bc2 b4 16.Nb5 Ba6**

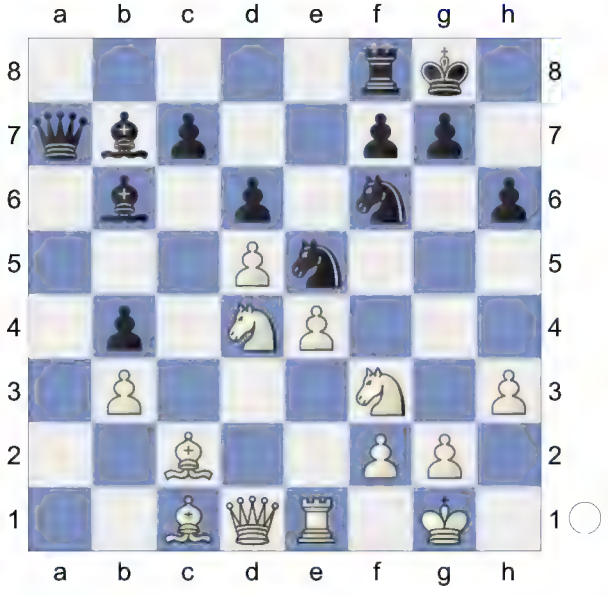
(Diagram)



**17.Na7↑** Deflection. White is more active. **17...Bb7 18.d5! Ra8 19.Nb5 Nc4 20.Rxa8 Qxa8 21.Nbd4** Black is on the road to losing. **21...Qa7** 1.27/21

[Better is 21...Re8± 0.42/21 ]

**22.b3± Ne5**

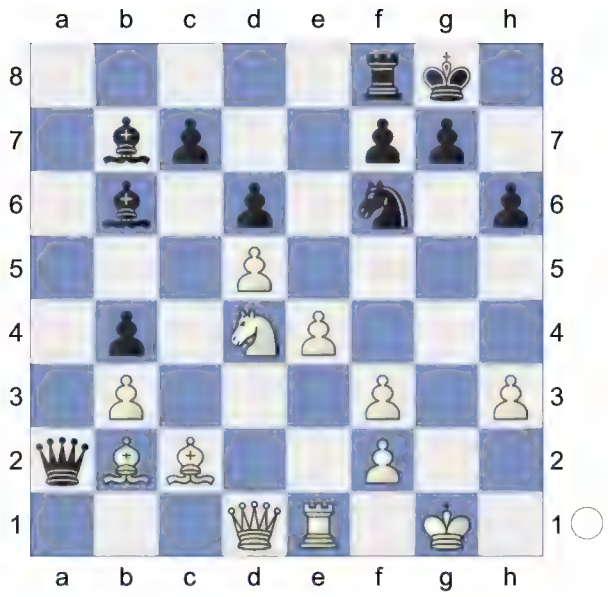


**23.Bb2! Nxf3+** 1.83/22

[ 23...c6± 1.20/19 was necessary. ]

**24.gxf3+- Qa2**

(Diagram)



**25.Qc1 Bxd4 26.Bxd4 Nd7** 2.66/22

[ ⌓26...Nh7 1.99/21 27.h4 f5 ]

**27.Kh1 f6 28.Rg1 Rf7 29.Qd2**

[ 29.Bd1?! Qa5± ]

**29...Qa8 30.Qxh6**

[ 30.Qxb4?! Ne5± ]

**30...Ne5 31.Bd1 Qe8 32.Qe3 c5 33.Bb2 Re7 34.f4 Nd7** 5.75/23

[ 34...Ng6 3.26/24 35.Qg3 Rxe4 ]

**35.Qg3 Qf7 36.Bf3 Ba6** 7.73/23

[ ⌓36...Kf8 4.78/23 37.Qh4 Qg8 ]

**37.Bg4 Nf8 38.Bf5 c4 39.bxc4 Bxc4 40.Qh4** Against Bxd5 **40...Bxd5 41.f3 Be6** Hoping for ...Bxf5. **42.Bxf6**

[Weaker is 42.Qxf6 Bxf5 43.exf5 Qxf6 44.Bxf6 Rf7= ]

**42...Bxf5 43.exf5 Rc7 44.Rxg7+**

[Don't play 44.Bxg7 Qxg7 45.Rxg7+ Kxg7 46.f6+ Kf7 47.Qh5+ Kxf6 48.Qh6+ Kf7 49.Qxd6 Rc1+ 50.Kh2 Rc2+ 51.Kg3 b3 ]

**44...Qxg7 45.Bxg7 Rxg7** Endgame KQ-KRN **46.f6 Rd7** 6.79/24

[ ⌓46...Rh7 4.56/27 47.Qg5+ Kf7 48.Qd5+ Kxf6 49.Qxd6+ Kf7 50.Qd5+ *( 50.Qxb4 Rxh3+ 51.Kg2 Rh5+- )* 50...Kg7 ]

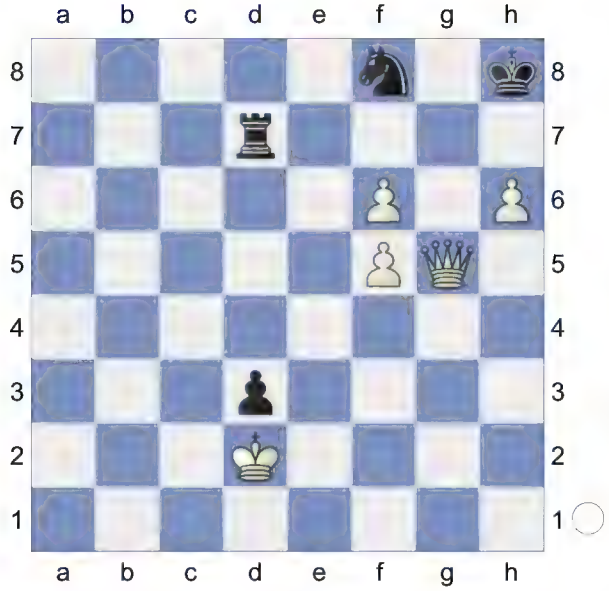
**47.Qe1 d5** 6.56/26

[ ⌓47...Rf7 4.56/26 48.Qg1+ *( 48.Qxb4 Rxf6 49.f5 Nd7+- )* 48...Kh7 ]

**48.Qxb4 d4 49.Qc4+ Kh7 50.Qd3+ Kg8 51.f5 Kf7 52.Kg2 Kxf6 53.Kg3 Kg7 54.h4 Nh7 55.Kf2 Nf6 56.Qd2 Nh7** Dodges Qg5+ **57.Ke1 d3 58.Qg2+ Kh8 59.Kd2**

[ 59.Qb2+ Kg8 60.Qb3+ Kg7 61.Qc3+ Kf7 ]

**59...Nf8 60.Qg5 Kh7 61.h5 Kh8 62.f6 Kh7 63.f4** Strongly threatening Qf5+. **63...Kh8 64.h6 Kh7 65.f5** White wants to mate with Qe3. **65...Kh8**



**66.Qg7+!! Rxg7 67.fxg7+ Kg8 68.gxf8Q+** Promotion **68...Kxf8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.48

**69.Kxd3**

**1-0**

**95** **C78**

□ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**

■ **Lei,Tingjie** **2549**

Wch Blitz (Women) Final (2.2) 31.12.24

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Bg4 9.d3 0-0 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8** White is slightly better. **11...Qxa8 12.Bg5 Nd7** 0.59/21

[ 12...Qd8= 0.20/23 ]

**13.h3 Bh5 14.g4N**

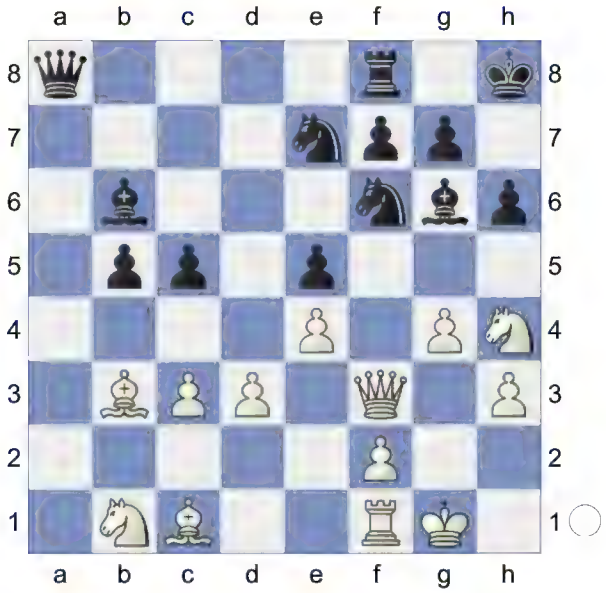
[ 14.Bd5 h6 15.Bh4 Qa6 16.b4 Ba7 17.Nbd2 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 ]

**14...Bg6 15.Nh4** 0.01/20

[ 15.Bd5± 0.58/21 ]

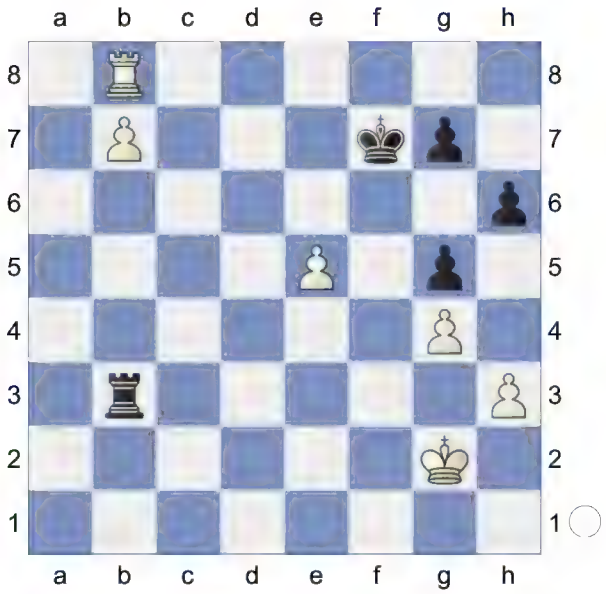
**15...Kh8= 16.Qf3!?N** An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[ 16.Bd5 h6 17.Bc1 g5 is the strong threat. Nf6 18.b4 Bb6 ...Nxd5 poses a challenge 19.Bb3 Ne7 20.Qf3 c5 0.16/21 *( 20...d5∓ -0.33/21 )* 21.bxc5= dxc5



22.Bxh6 -0.78/23 ½-½ (36)

Dominguez Perez,L (2708)-Onischuk, A (2670) Biel GM 41st 2008 (1)
*( 22.c4!± 0.33/22 stays ahead. )*]
**16...Qe8 17.Nxg6+** -0.49/23
[ 17.Bc1= 0.11/20 ]
**17...fxg6∓ 18.Qg3** -0.94/22
[ 18.Qe2∓ -0.36/22 ]
**18...Nd8** -0.36/21
[ 18...Bb6∓ -0.94/22 ]
**19.Nd2** -0.75/24
[ 19.Be3∓ -0.36/21 ]
**19...Ne6∓ 20.Be3 Nf4 21.Bxf4 Rxf4 22.Kg2** -1.12/21
[ 22.d4= -0.28/23 Bb6 23.g5 ]
**22...c6** -0.35/22
[ 22...Bb6∓ -1.12/21 ]
**23.f3** -1.53/22
[ 23.d4∓ -0.35/22 Bb6 24.Nf3 ]
**23...Be3** White is weak on the dark squares **24.Qe1 Bxd2** -0.36/24
[ 24...Bb6∓ -1.53/21 ...Qd8 would now be deadly. 25.g5 Rf8 ]
**25.Qxd2∓ Nc5 26.Ba2 Rf8** 0.19/24
[ 26...g5∓ -0.31/26 ]
**27.b4 Ne6 28.Bxe6 Qxe6=** Endgame KQR-KQR **29.f4 exf4 30.Rxf4 Ra8 31.Rf2** -0.60/27
[ 31.d4= -0.01/22 ]
**31...Kg8** -0.01/24
[ 31...h6∓ -0.60/27 ]
**32.Qf4 h6 33.d4 Kh7** -0.22/23
[ 33...Ra3∓ -0.73/25 34.Qe3 Kh7 ]
**34.e5** -1.05/27
[ 34.Qf3!= -0.22/23 ]
**34...Qd5+** 0.01/24
[ 34...dxe5∓ -1.05/27 35.Qxe5 Qc4 ]
**35.Qf3 dxe5** 0.50/23
[ 35...Qc4!= 0.01/23 ]
**36.Qxd5±** Remove Defender **36...cxd5 37.dxe5=** KR-KR **37...Rc8** 1.80/26
[ Black should play 37...Kg8!± 0.54/26 ]
**38.Rd2** 0.32/27
[ White should try 38.Rf3+- 1.80/26 ]
**38...Rxc3± 39.Rxd5 Kg8** 1.28/30
[ 39...g5!± 0.31/27 ]
**40.Rxb5± Kf7** 2.76/29
[ 40...g5± 1.57/28 ]
**41.Rb6?** 0.04/26
[ White has to play 41.Rb7++- 2.76/29 Ke6 42.Rxg7 ]
**41...Rb3 42.b5** Rb7+ is in the air **42...g5 43.Rb8 Ke6 44.b6 Ke7?** 10.86/21
[ 44...Kxe5= 0.16/29 45.b7 Kd6 ]
**45.b7+-** White is clearly winning.
**45...Kf7**



**46.e6+! Ke7** What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.68
**47.Rg8**
**1-0**

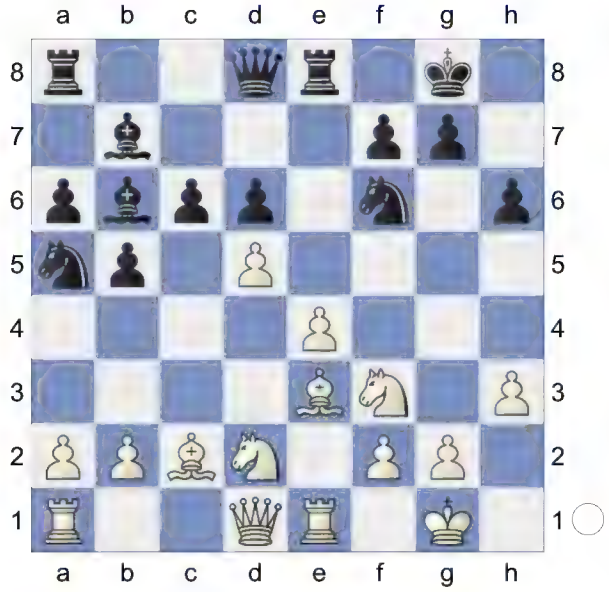
**96** **C78**
□ **Alexakis,Dimitris** **2537**
■ **Ioannidis,Evgenios** **2490**
GRE-chT 52nd (5.51) 02.07.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6 11.h3 exd4** White is slightly better. **12.cxd4 Re8 13.Re1 Na5N**

[ 13...Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Qf7 26.Nb7 Qxb7 27.Rxf4 Qg7 28.Re4 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**14.Bc2 Bb7! 15.d5** was the old line (15. Qb1). war die alte Variante (15.Db1). **15...c6**



**16.b4 Nc4 17.Nxc4 bxc4 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Bxb6 Qxb6 20.Qxd6 Rad8 21.Qf4 Qxb4 22.e5! Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Nd7 24.Qe4N** 0.04/21

[ 24.Rad1 0.01/24 24.e6 0.46 Nf8 25.Qe4 Threatening Bb3!. Qc5 26.Qe3 Qa5 27.Qe2 -0.50/27 *( 27.Rc1=* 0.08/23 *)* 27...Rxd1!∓ 28.Rxd1 Qc5 29.Re1 Rd8 30.Qe3 0-1 (45) Mammadzada,G (2316)-Durarbayli,V (2621) Qatar Masters op 2014 (3) ]

[ 24.e6± 0.52/24 might be stronger. fxe6 25.Rac1 ]

**24...g6!= 25.Rad1 Nc5**

[ 25...Nxe5? 26.Rxd8+- ]

[ 25...Rxe5? 26.Qxe5 Nxe5 27.Rxd8+ Kg7 28.Rxe5+- ]

**26.Qh4 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Qc3**

[ 27...Rxe5 28.Qd8+ Kg7 29.Qd4± ]

**28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.Qxh6 Ne6** Hoping for ...Nf8.

[ 29...Rxe5 30.Rd8+ *( 30.Qxg6+ Kf8 31.Qf6+ Kg8 32.Rd8+ Re8 33.Rxe8+ Kh7 34.Rh8# )* 30...Kf7 31.Qf8+ Ke6 32.Rd6# ]

**30.Qxg6+ Ng7 31.e6 Kh8 32.Qh6+ Kg8 33.Qg6 Kh8 34.Qh6+ Kg8 35.Rd7 Rf8 36.e7 Qe1+ 37.Kh2** Dancing on a razor blade. **37...Re8 38.Qxa6 c3**

[ 38...Qe5+? 39.g3± ]

**39.Qc4+ Qe6 40.Rc7** Qxe6+ is the strong threat. The position is equal.

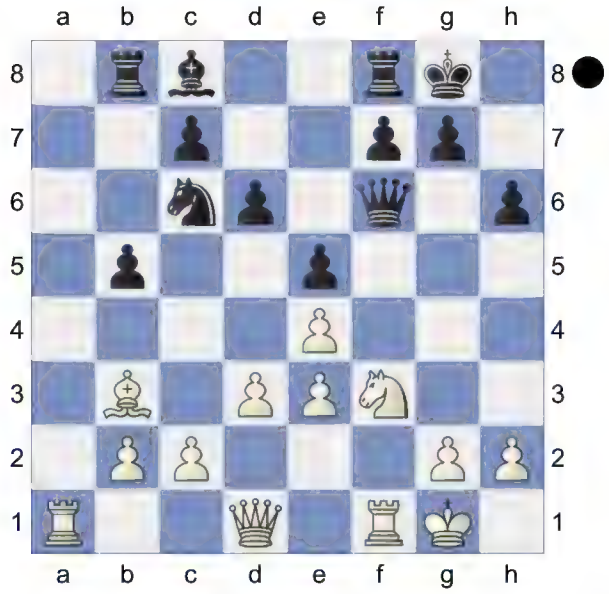
[ 40.Qxc3? perishes. Qxd7 41.Qc2 Qxe7 *( 41...Rxe7? 42.Qb3+ Qe6 43.Qb4-+ )* 42.Qb3+ Qe6-+ ]

[ 40.Rd5 looks sharper. Kf7 41.Qf4+

Kg8 42.Rc5 ]
**40...Qxc4 41.Rxc4 Rxe7** Endgame KRN-KR **42.Rc8+ Kh7 43.Rxc3 Re2 44.Rf3 Rxa2 45.g4 Ne6 46.h4 Kg7 47.Kg2 Ra4 48.Kg3 Ra1 49.g5** White has compensation. **49...Rg1+ 50.Kh3 Rh1+ 51.Kg4 Rg1+ 52.Rg3 Rf1 53.Rg2 Ra1 54.h5 Ra4+ 55.Kf5 Nd4+ 56.Ke4 Ne6+ 57.Ke5 Nf4 58.Rh2 Nd3+ 59.Ke6 Ra6+ 60.Ke7 Ra7+ 61.Ke6 Ra6+ 62.Kf5 Ra5+ 63.Kg4 Ne5+ 64.Kg3 Nf7 65.f4 Nxg5 66.h6+ Kh7 67.fxg5 Rxg5+ 68.Kf4 Ra5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
**69.Ke4**
½-½

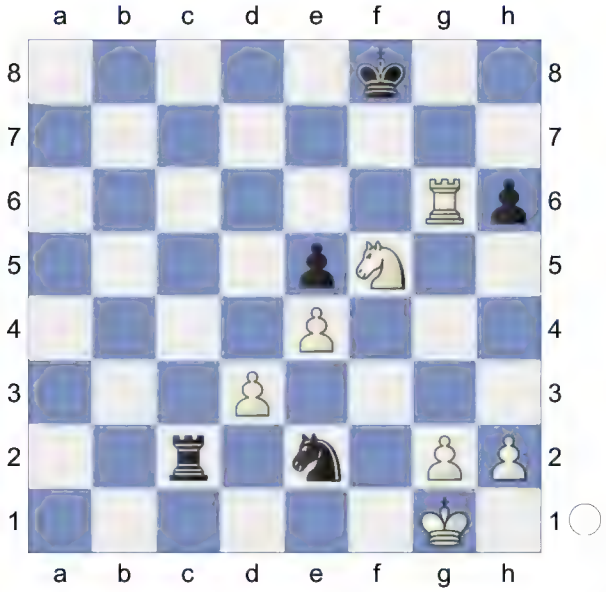
**97** **C78**
□ **Quparadze,Giga** **2526**
■ **Nasuta,Grzegorz** **2498**
PlusCity Grand Prix Blitz (8) 29.05.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** 6...Bb7 is the modern continuation.6...Lb7 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7.a4 Rb8 8.d3** 0.05/21
[ 8.c3± 0.45/21 ]
**8...h6** 0.49/24
[ 8...d6= 0.05/21 ]
**9.axb5 axb5** White is slightly better.
**10.Nc3** -0.01/23
[ 10.Nxe5± 0.40/22 Nxe5 11.d4 ]
**10...d6= 11.Nd5N**
[ 11.h3 0-0 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Ne7 14.Bb3 Ng6 15.c3 Qf6 16.d4 Bb6 17.Be3 Bb7 18.Bc2 Rfe8 19.Re1 Nf4 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Bxf4 Qxf4 22.Qd7 Qf6 23.Rad1 Red8 9.Qd2 b5 10.000 ♘ b6 (2681)-Pesotsky,V (2524) 69/186 Romania 1997 ]
**11...0-0 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.fxe3**



**Qe7 15.Qe1 Be6 16.Bd5 Qd7 17.Qc3N**
[ 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.Ra6 Qd7 19.Qc3 Ne7 20.d4 b4 21.Qc4 exd4 22.exd4 Ng6 23.h3 Against Qg41-0 (53) Safarli,E (2616)-Besou,H (2106) Heusenstamm Sparkassen op 8th 2022 (5) ]
**17...Bxd5 18.exd5 Ne7 19.e4 c6 20.dxc6 Qxc6** 0.68/21
[ Better is 20...Nxc6= -0.01/20 21.Rf2 b4 ]
**21.Qxc6± Nxc6 22.c3 b4** 0.73/23
[ 22...Ra8± 0.33/22 is more appropriate. ]
**23.Ra6± Rfc8 24.Nd2** 0.01/23
[ 24.c4± 0.49/24 ]
**24...bxc3= 25.bxc3 Nd8 26.Nc4 Rb3 27.Nxd6** This move loses the game for Black. **27...Rc6** 1.98/33
[ 27...Rcb8!= 0.22/25 and Black has

nothing to worry. ]
**28.Rxc6+- Nxc6 29.Rxf7 Rxc3** Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **30.Rc7 Rc2?** 7.09/26
[ 30...Rc1+ 1.69/29 31.Kf2 Nb4 32.Rxc1 Nxd3+ 33.Ke3 Nxc1 ]
**31.Nf5 Nd4** 5.54/27
[ ⌓31...Nb4 3.83/24 32.Rxg7+ Kf8 ]
**32.Rxg7+ Kf8** and ...Nxf5 should not be overlooked **33.Rg6 Ne2+**

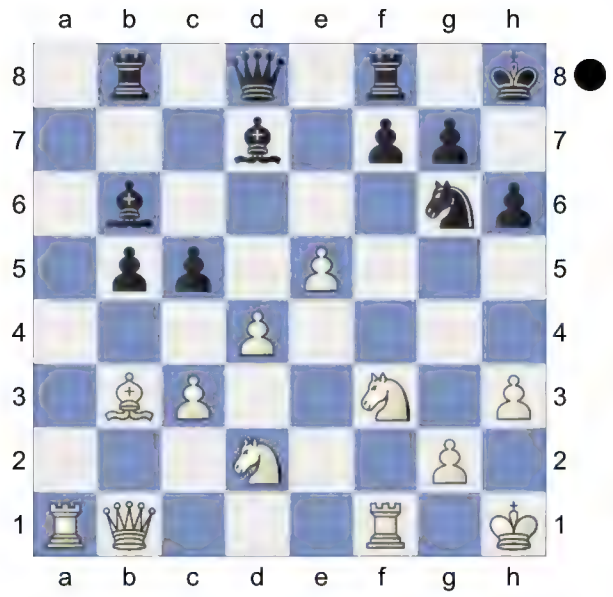


**34.Kf1!** Black must now prevent Rf6+.
**34...Nf4 35.Rxh6 Rc1+ 36.Kf2 Rc2+ 37.Kf3 Nxg2 38.Rf6+ Ke8 39.Re6+ Kf8 40.Rxe5 Ne1+ 41.Ke3 Rxh2 42.Rd5 Nc2+ 43.Kf4 Ke8 44.Ke5 Nb4 45.Rd6 Rd2 46.d4 Re2 47.Kf6** White wants to mate with Ng7+. **47...Rf2 48.Ke6 Nd3 49.Ra6 Nf4+ 50.Ke5 Nd3+ 51.Kd6 Rf4 52.Ra3 Nf2 53.Ng3 Nxe4+ 54.Ke5 Nxg3 55.Kxf4 Ne2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.49
**56.Ke5**
**1-0**

**98** **C78**
□ **Gadimbayli,Abdulla** **2447**
■ **Fedoseev,Vladimir1** **3000**
Chess.com INT blitz (6) 01.10.2019
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6N** 0.47/19
[ 10...Re8= 0.05/20 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Qf7 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**11.Qb1** -0.20/19
[ 11.h3± 0.47/19 ]
**11...Ng4** The position is equal. **12.Bd5 Bd7 13.a4** -0.61/20
[ 13.h3= -0.22/19 Nxe3 14.fxe3 ]
**13...Rb8 14.axb5 axb5 15.b4** -0.82/22
[ 15.Ba2∓ -0.39/22 ]
**15...Kh8** -0.42/22
[ 15...Ne7∓ -0.82/22 aiming for ... Nxd5. 16.Ba2 Ng6 ]
**16.h3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Ne7 18.Bb3 exd4 19.exd4 c5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Kh1 Ng6** 0.01/21
[ 21...c4∓ -0.43/21 is superior. 22.Nxc4 bxc4 23.Bxc4 Bxd4 ]
**22.e5=**

(Diagram)



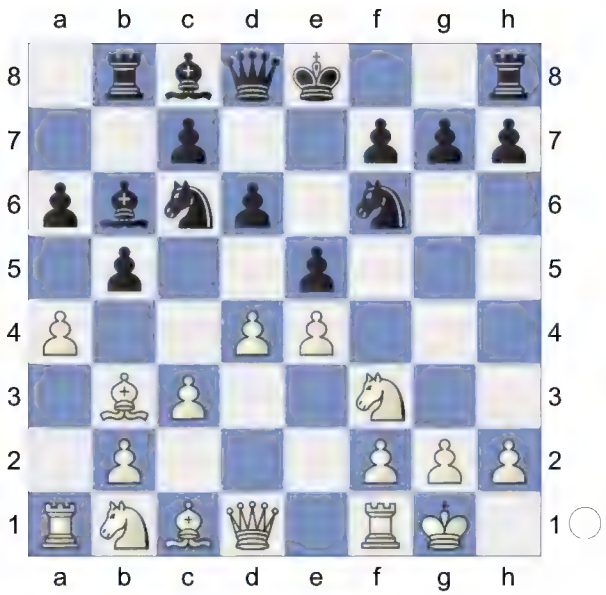
**c4** 0.53/23
[Black should play 22...cxd4= 0.03/22 23.cxd4 Bc6 ]
**23.Bc2± Nf4** 1.17/22
[ 23...Ba5± 0.39/21 ]
**24.Ne4 Bc6** 1.65/21
[ 24...Nd5± 1.13/21 ]
**25.Qc1** 1.26/21
[Better is 25.Qe1+- 1.65/21 ]
**25...Nd3± 26.Qe3** And now Rad1 would win. **26...Qd5?** 3.00/21
[ 26...Re8± 1.03/20 is a better defense. ]
**27.Nd6?** 0.58/21
[White has to play 27.Nf6!+- 3.00/21 Qe6 28.Bxd3 cxd3 29.Nh4 ]
**27...f6** 3.16/25
[ 27...Bc7!± 0.58/21 ]

(Diagram)

**28.Nh4!+-** Excellent horsemanship.
**28...Kg8?** 6.76/25
[But not 28...Nxe5 29.Ndf5 Qd7 30.Ra6+- ]
[ 28...fxe5 2.02/22 29.Rxf8+ *( 29.Ng6+ Kh7± )* 29...Rxf8 30.Ng6+ Kh7 31.Nxf8+ Kg8 ]
**29.Ng6??** -#1/6
[ 29.Qg3+- 6.76/25 fxe5 30.Ndf5 *( 30.Nhf5 Qxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Bxg2+ 32.Kxg2 exd4+- )*]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.62
**29...Qxg2#**
**0-1**

**99** **C78**
□ **Paravyan,David** **2599**
■ **Lobanov,Sergei** **2520**
AI Cup Play In rapid (4) 18.09.2023
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6!**



**10.a5!**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3** Repels Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** The position is equal. **12...Ra8N 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 Re8**
[ 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bb7 19.Rc1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxd4 21.Qh5 Nd5 *( 21...Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nc5 Qd2 25.Rd1 Rae8 26.Rxd2 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 c5 28.f4 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc5 b4 32.b3 Rc8 33.Nxa6 cxb3 34.Bxb3 R1c3 35.Rb2* (37) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 22.Rf3 Qe7 *( 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qe7 24.Qd4 Qb4 25.Rd3* (27) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 23.Nxf7 Qxe4 24.Rxc7 Nf4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nxe4 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxb7 (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**15.Bc2** is recently more successful than 15.Qc2. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 15.Dc2. **15...Bb7 16.d5** -0.03/21
[ 16.dxe5± 0.48/21 Bxe3 17.exf6 Bxd2 18.Qxd2 ]
**16...Ne7= 17.Bxa7 Rxa7 18.c4 c6 19.b3 cxd5 20.cxd5 Bc8 21.b4 Ng6 22.Bd3 Rc7 23.Rc1 Bd7N**
[Vorgänger: 23...Ree7 24.Qb3 Ne8 25.Bf1 -0.52/23 *( 25.Nf1=* 0.01/22 *)* 25...Rxc1∓ 26.Rxc1 Rc7 27.Qb2 -1.28/22 *( 27.Rxc7∓* -0.38/22 *Qxc7 28.Qe3 )* 27...Rxc1 -0.90/20 *( ⌓27...f5!* -1.28/22 *28.exf5 Bxf5 )* 28.Qxc1∓ Qc7 -0.01/20 *( 28...f5!∓* -0.92/22 *)* 29.Qb2 -1.43/21 *( 29.Qxc7=* -0.01/20 was the only way to keep the balance. *Nxc7 30.Ne1 )* 29...f5 0-1 Sychev,K (2572)-Grigoriants,S (2546) Titled Tuesday intern op 20th Oct blitz 2020 (7) ]
**24.Bf1 Qb8 25.Qb3 Rec8 26.Qb2 Nf4 27.Kh2 Qa7 28.Nb3 Rxc1 29.Nxc1 N6h5** Black has more active pieces.
**30.Nb3** -1.62/23
[White should play 30.Qd2∓ -0.69/22 ]
**30...f5-+ 31.Nxe5** -2.61/22
[ 31.exf5∓ -1.55/22 Nf6 *( 31...Bxf5 32.Nbd4∓; 31...Nxd5 32.Nh4∓ )* 32.Qd2 ]
**31...dxe5 32.Nc5**

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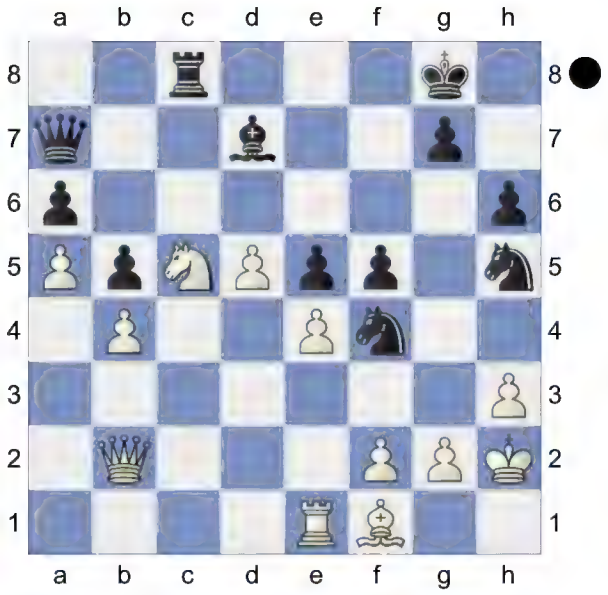
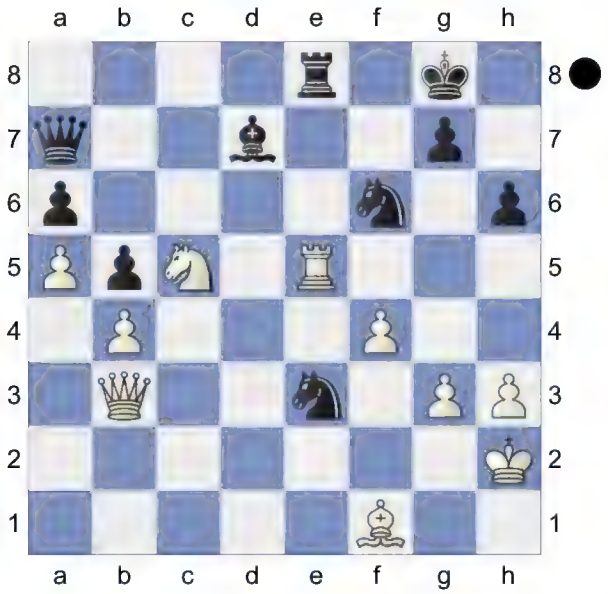
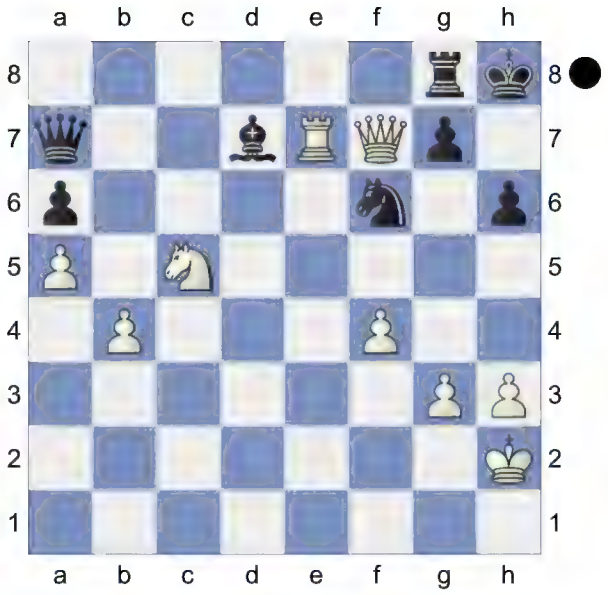


**fxe4! 33.Rxe4 Nf6**
[ 33...Nxd5 34.Qxe5 Nhf6 35.Rd4-+ ]
**34.Rxe5 N4xd5**
[ 34...N6xd5 35.g3± ]
**35.g3 Re8 36.f4 Ne3?** -0.25/22
[Black should play 36...Bc6-+ -3.91/21 37.Qd4 Rxe5 38.fxe5 Ne8 ]
**37.Qb3+!=**



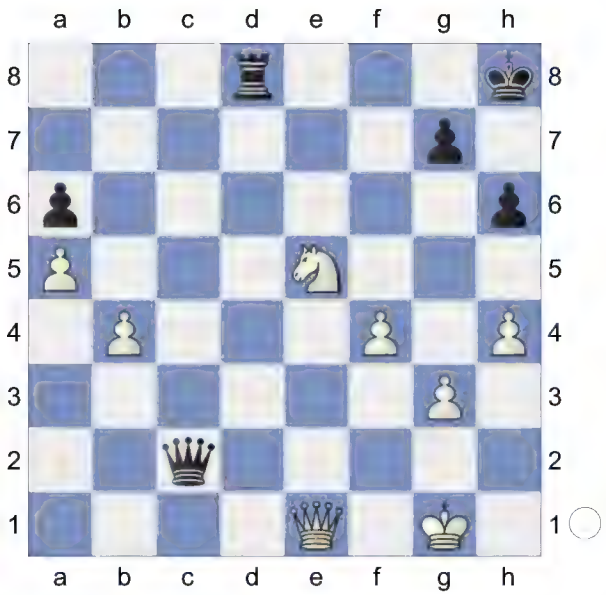
**Nc4! 38.Bxc4+ bxc4 39.Qxc4+ Kh8 40.Qf7** Hoping for Rxe8+. **40...Rg8**
[ 40...Rxe5? 41.fxe5+- ]
**41.Re7**

(Diagram)



**Qc7!** next ...Qc6! is good for Black.
**42.Kg1**
[ 42.Nxd7 Qc2+ 43.Kg1 Ne4 44.Rxe4 Qxe4∓ ]
**42...Qd6 43.Rxd7??** -3.31/25
[ 43.Nxd7= -0.01/27 Qd4+ 44.Kh1 ]
**43...Nxd7-+ 44.Qxd7=** Endgame KQR-KQN **44...Qf6 45.h4?** -8.15/26
[ 45.Ne4 -3.29/22 Qa1+ 46.Kf2 ]
**45...Rd8-+ 46.Qe6 Qb2 47.Qe1** Against Rd1 **47...Qc2** Hoping for ...Rd1.
**48.Nd7 Qc7?** -1.53/24
[ 48...Rxd7 49.Qe8+ Kh7 50.Qxd7= ]
[ 48...Kg8-+ -8.14/24 is more deadly. 49.b5 Kf7 *( 49...Rxd7 50.Qe8+ Kh7 51.Qxd7=; 49...axb5? 50.a6-+ )*]
**49.Ne5** -2.09/25
[ 49.Nc5∓ -1.53/24 keeps fighting. ]
**49...Qc2??** 11.43/23
[ 49...h5-+ -2.09/25 50.Kf1 Kg8 ]

(Diagram)

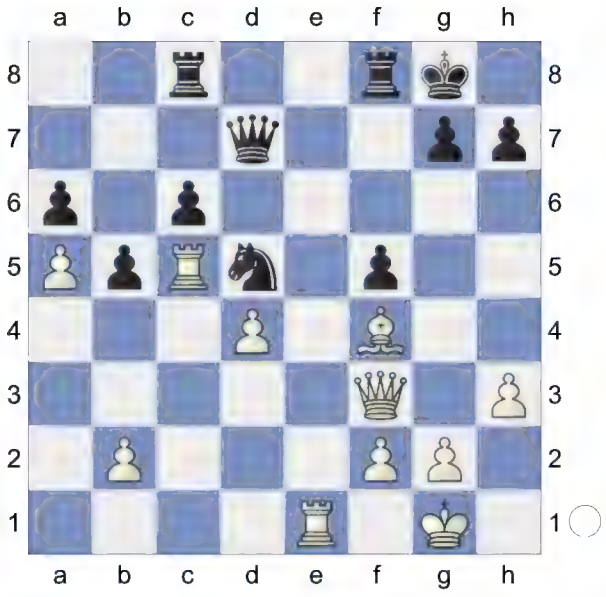


**50.Nd7!** -8.03/22 **Kh7** Black is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 50...Rxd7 51.Qe8+ Kh7 52.Qxd7= ]
[ 50...h5 51.f5 ]
**51.Qe7** -9.49/25
[ ⌓51.Nf6+ -4.62/23 Kh8 52.Nd7 ]
**51...Qd1+ 52.Kf2 Qxd7 53.Qe4+ Kh8 54.h5 Qd2+ 55.Kf3 Qd3+ 56.Qxd3 Rxd3+ 57.Ke4** Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.74
**57...Rb3**
**0-1**

**100** **C78**
□ **Perunovic,Milos** **2542**
■ **Kraemer,Martin** **2579**
Bundesliga 2223 (13.1) 02.04.2023
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5** 10.a5 is better than 10.axb5.10.a5 ist besser als 10.axb5. **10...Ba7 11.h3** Wards off Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Be3** The position is equal. **12...Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.cxd4N**
[ 14.Bg5 looks sharper. Ne7 15.Nbd2 d5 *( 15...Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Nxd4 Qd6 18.Bc2 ]
**14...d5 15.Nc3 Ne7 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Ng5 Bd5 18.Bxd5 Qxd5 19.Rc1 Rc8**

**20.Nxe4** Deflection **20...0-0!**
[ 20...Qxe4? 21.Bg5+- ]
**21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.Rxc5**
[ 22.dxc5 simplifies Qxd1 23.Rcxd1 Rfe8 24.Bf4 ]
**22...Qd7 23.Qg4** Black is weak on the dark squares **23...Rcd8N**
[Predecessor: 23...f5 24.Qf3 Bg5 would now be deadly. c6 25.Bf4 Threatening Qb3+. Nd5 1.27/23 *( 25...Qxd4=* 0.01/23 keeps the balance. *26.Rc2 Qd7 )*
(Diagram)



26.Be5 0.23/22 *( 26.Rec1!± 1.27/23 )* 26...Rce8= 27.Rec1 Re6 28.h4 h6 29.h5 Kh7 0-1 (54) Ivic,V (2581)-Maurizzi,M (2503) Chess.com INT 2021 ]

**24.Qg3 c6 25.Rec1 Rc8 26.h4 Rfe8 27.h5 Nd5! 28.Bh6 g6 29.Qf3 Re6 30.g3** -0.58/25

[ 30.Bd2= -0.16/22 ]

**30...Rce8∓ 31.hxg6 hxg6** And now ... Rf6 would win. White does not recover from this. **32.Kg2** -2.16/24

[ 32.Bg5∓ -0.74/22 ]

**32...Rf6-+ 33.Qd3** -6.95/24

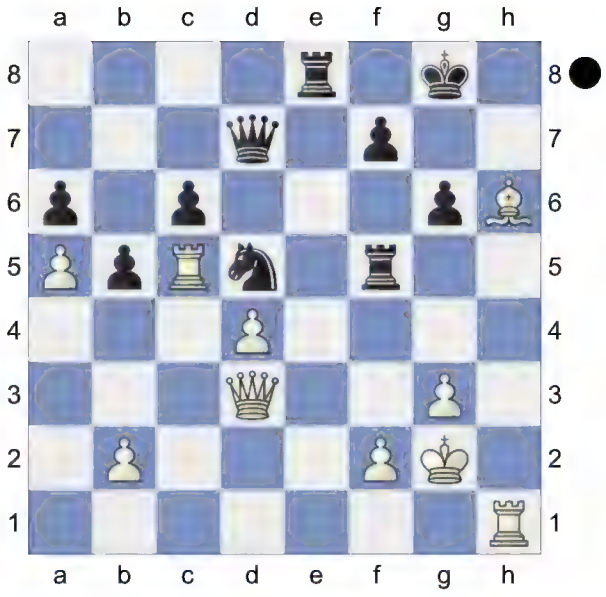
[ 33.Rxd5 -2.16/25 Qxd5 34.Qxd5 cxd5 35.Be3 ]

**33...Rf5 34.Rh1** -5.71/23

[Much worse is 34.Rxc6 Nb4-+ ]

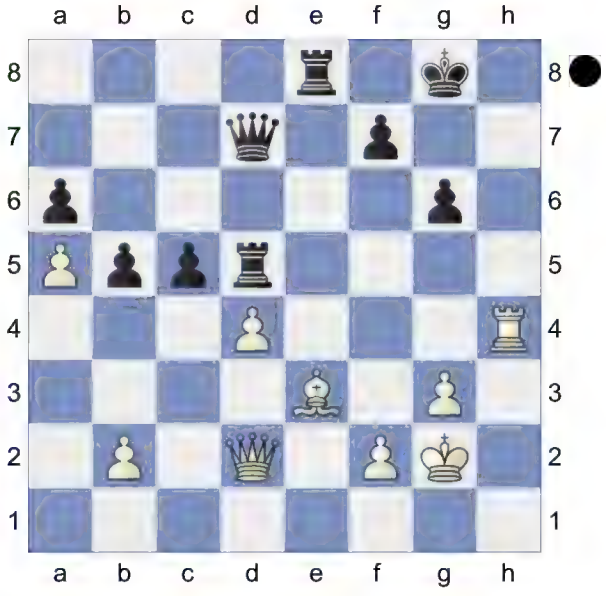
[ 34.Bd2 -3.60/24 is a better defense. Re6 35.Kg1 ]

(Diagram)



**34...Nf4+!** Black is clearly winning.

**35.Bxf4 Rxc5** Pin **36.Qd2 Rd5 37.Be3 c5 38.Rh4**



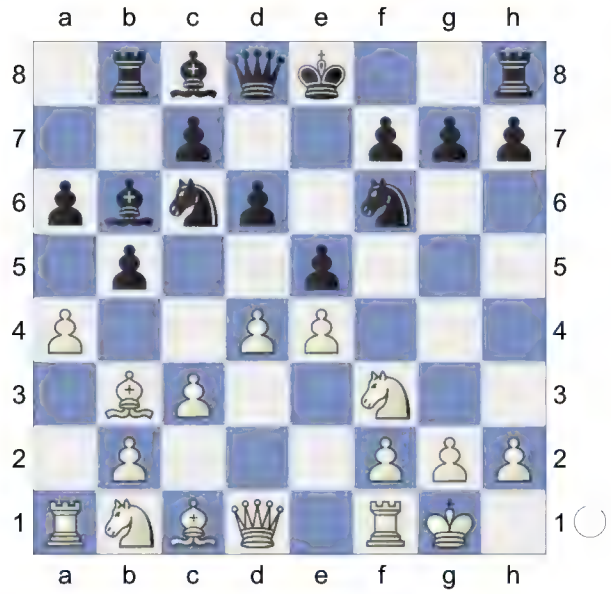
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.22 (precise)

**38...g5!**

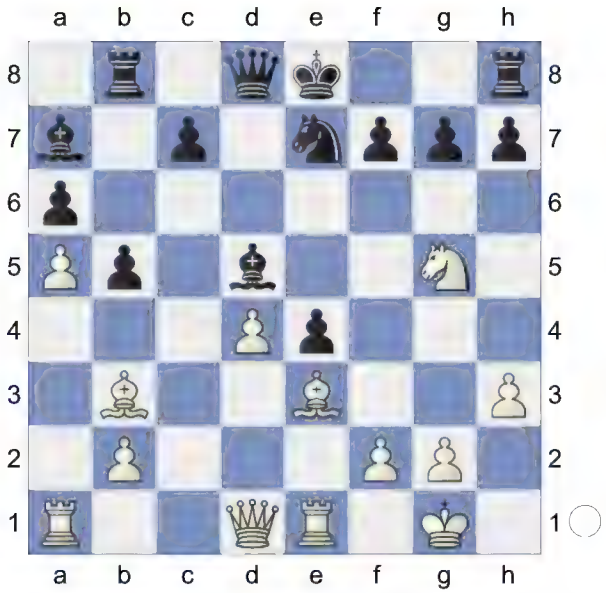
**0-1**

**101** **C78**
□ **Zhu,Jiner** **2514**
■ **Nasuta,Grzegorz** **2506**
Chessable Masters Play In blitz (5)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8**



**10.a5!** The main line 10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5.Die Hauptvariante 10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5. **10...Ba7** **11.h3** Inhibits Bg4. **11...Bb7** **12.Be3** White has an edge. **12...Nxe4** **13.Re1**
[ 13.d5 Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2 15.Qe2 ]
**13...exd4** **14.cxd4N**
[ 14.Bg5 is more complex. Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nxf2 *( 15...Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)) 16.Kxf2 dxc3+ 17.Kf1 ]
**14...d5** **15.Nc3** **Ne7** **16.Nxe4!** **dxe4** **17.Ng5** **Bd5**



**18.Nxe4!** **0-0**
[ 18...Bxe4 19.Rc1∓ ]
**19.Bc2** **Bxe4!N**
[ 19...Ng6 0.70/23 19...Bxe4 0.20 20.Nc5 Qd6 21.Qg4 Rbe8 22.b4 0.25/26 *( 22.Rad1!± 0.83/25 )* 22...Bb8 1.21/26 *( 22...Bxc5= 0.25/26 23.dxc5 Qe5 )* 23.Bf5± c6 1.65/28 *( 23...Re7± 0.94/26 )* 24.g3!+- h4! is the strong threat. Ne7? 5.74/27 *( 24...Ba7± 1.38/27* is a better chance. *)* 25.Bf4+- Qf6 Hoping for ... Bxf4. 26.Bxh7+ Kxh7 1-0 (40) Kovalev,A (2466)-Prraneeth,V (2427) Budapest FS12 GM 2022 (2) ]
**20.Bxe4** Rc1 is in the air **20...Nd5**
**21.Rc1** **Nxe3** **22.fxe3**
[ 22.Rxe3 Qxd4 23.Re2 Qxd1+ 24.Rxd1 h5 25.g3 ]
**22...c5** Discovered Attack. Black is weak on the light squares **23.dxc5** **Qxa5** 2.52/24
[ 23...Qe7!± 0.55/21 24.Qc2 g6 ]
**24.c6?** 0.00/22
[White must play 24.Qd7+- 2.52/24 Qb4 *( 24...Bxc5? 25.Qf5+-* Double Attack) 25.Qxa7 Qxe4 26.c6 *( 26.Qxa6 Rfd8± )*]

**24...Rbc8** 0.45/24
[ 24...Rbe8= 0.00/22 25.c7 Bb6 ]
**25.Qf3** 0.01/20
[ 25.Bf5!± 0.45/24 Rcd8 26.Bd7 ]
**25...Qb4 26.Re2 Bb6** 0.55/23
[ 26...g6= 0.08/22 ]
**27.Bf5± Rc7 28.Kh1** -0.59/25
[ 28.Bd7± 0.69/21 ]
**28...Re7∓ 29.Rd1 g6 30.Bd7 Bc7**
Wards off Qg3
[ 30...Re5 simplifies 31.e4 Bc7 32.Qa3 Qxa3 33.bxa3 Rc5 ]
**31.e4 Qc5** -0.27/22
[ 31...Re5∓ -0.74/24 ]
**32.Qf6** -1.03/23
[ 32.Qe3= -0.27/22 keeps the balance. Qe5 33.Qg1 ]
**32...a5** -0.54/23
[ 32...Re5∓ -1.03/23 ]
**33.g4?** -5.43/23
[ 33.Qd4∓ -0.54/23 Qc4 34.Qxc4 bxc4 35.Rc1 ]
**33...Be5?** -0.10/24
[ 33...Rxe4-+ -5.43/23 34.Qf3 *( 34.Rxe4? Qc2-+ )* 34...Rxe2 35.Qxe2 b4 ]
**34.Qf3 a4 35.Qd3** -0.64/23
[ 35.Qa3= -0.01/24 b4 *( 35...Qc4 36.Rdd2± )* 36.Qxa4 ]
**35...b4 36.Rc2** -1.81/23
[ 36.Qc2!∓ -0.58/23 Qa7 37.c7 ]
**36...Qb6-+ 37.Kg2 Ra8 38.Qc4?** -4.78/22
[ 38.Qd5 -2.12/20 Rb8 39.Rf1 ]
**38...b3 39.Rf2 a3 40.bxa3** -7.04/23
[ 40.Rdf1 -3.96/20 axb2 *( 40...Bxb2 41.Rxf7 Rxf7 42.Qxf7+ Kh8 43.Qe7= )* 41.Rxf7 ]
**40...b2 41.Qb4**

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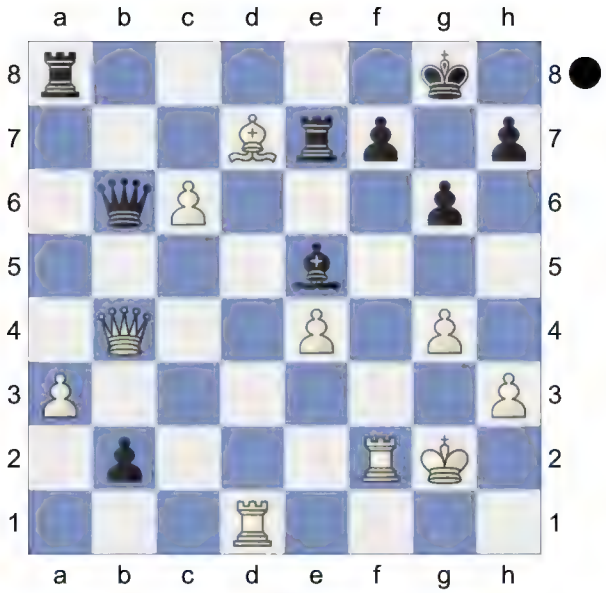
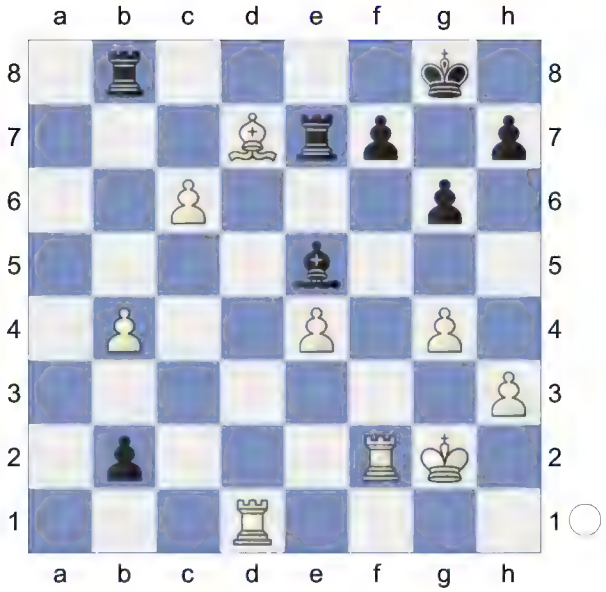
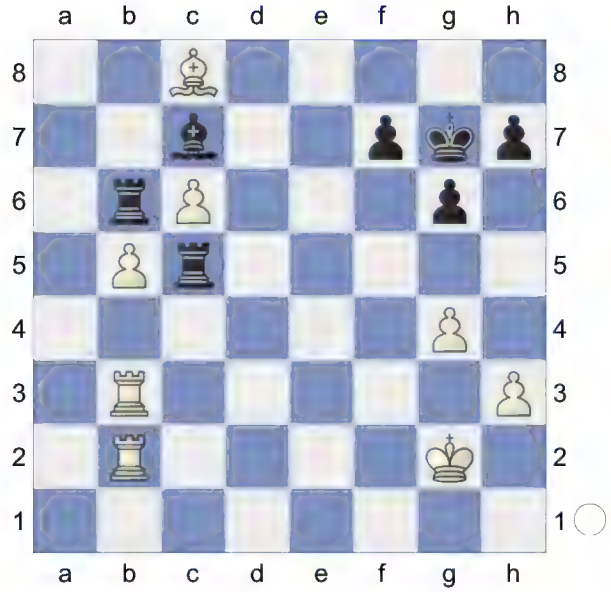


**Qxb4** 0.01/17
[ 41...Qe3!-+ -5.57/24 42.Qxe7 Qxe4+ 43.Rf3 *( 43.Kg1? Bh2+* Discovered Attack *44.Rxh2 Qxe7-+ )* 43...Qe2+ *( 43...b1Q? 44.Qxf7+ Kh8 45.Rxb1+- )* 44.Rf2 Qxd1 ]
**42.axb4= Rb8?** 4.40/23
[ 42...Ra1= -0.01/23 43.Rff1 Ra3 ]



**43.b5!+- Kg7**
[ 43...Rxb5 44.c7 ]
**44.Rb1 Bc7** 5.95/23
[ ⌓44...Rxb5 4.07/21 45.c7 Rxd7

*( 45...Rc5? 46.c8Q+- )*]
**45.Rbxb2?** 1.45/25
[ 45.Rfxb2+- 5.95/23 has better winning chances. Rb6 46.Kf3 ]
**45...Rxe4± 46.Rf3 Re5 47.Rfb3 Rb6 48.Bc8** 1.17/21
[ 48.h4+- 1.70/21 ]
**48...Rc5** 2.00/19
[ 48...h5± 1.17/21 49.gxh5 Rxh5 ]



**49.Ba6!+- h5** 2.33/20
[ 49...Kh6 1.92/21 is a better defense. 50.h4 Bb8 51.g5+ Kh5 ]
**50.Kf3?** 0.57/23
[ 50.gxh5+- 2.33/20 gxh5 51.Kf3 ]
**50...hxg4+± 51.hxg4 g5?** 2.53/22
[ 51...Kh6± 0.55/22 ]
**52.Ke4 Rc4+ 53.Kd5 Rxg4 54.Re2** 0.13/22
[Better is 54.Bc8± 1.32/20 Ra4 55.Rb4 ]
**54...Rf4** 4.51/22
[ 54...Rb8!= 0.13/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 55.Re7 Rd8+ 56.Rd7 Bb6 ]
**55.Re7+- Rf5+** What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/Black=0.71
**56.Ke4**
**1-0**

**102** **C78**
□ **Mueller,Gerhard** **2575**
■ **Busemann,Stephan** **2580**
corr BdF-75/A 01.11.2021
*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
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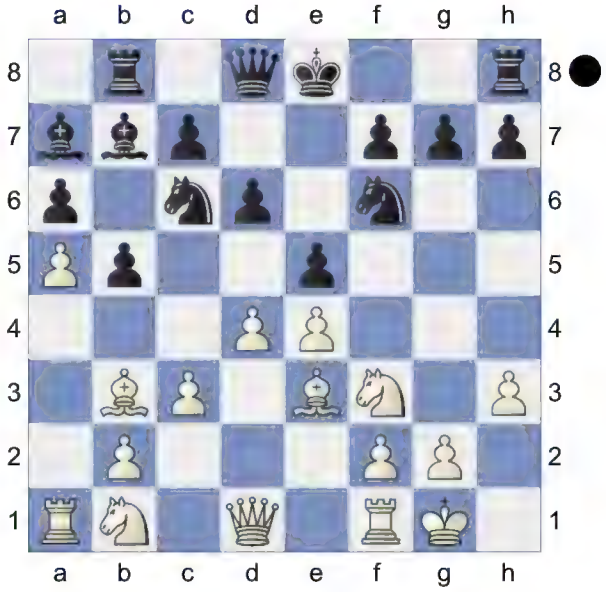


White has an edge. **12...Nxe4 13.Nbd2**
[ 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**13...exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Ne7N**
[ 15...0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 *( 16...Qd7*

*17.d5 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Ne7 19.Rfe1 Nf5 20.Rc3 Rfe8 21.Rec1 Rbc8 22.Nd4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 *( 18...Rxe3 19.Qh5 Qxg5 20.Qxg5 Rxb3 21.Qxd5 Rxb2 22.Qd7 h6 23.Re8+ Rxe8 24.Qxe8+ Kh7 25.Qe4+ Kg8 26.d5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**16.Rfe1 Bxf3 17.Bg5**

[ 17.gxf3!? h6 18.d5 Bxe3 19.Qxe3∓ ]

**17...f6! 18.gxf3 fxg5 19.Re6!** Black must now prevent Rae1!. **19...Kd7 20.Rae1! Nf5 21.Qc2 g6 22.Bd5 c5!**

[ 22...Bxd4 23.Qc6+ Kc8 24.Qxa6+ ]

**23.dxc5**

[ 23.Qe4!? ]

**23...Rc8!**

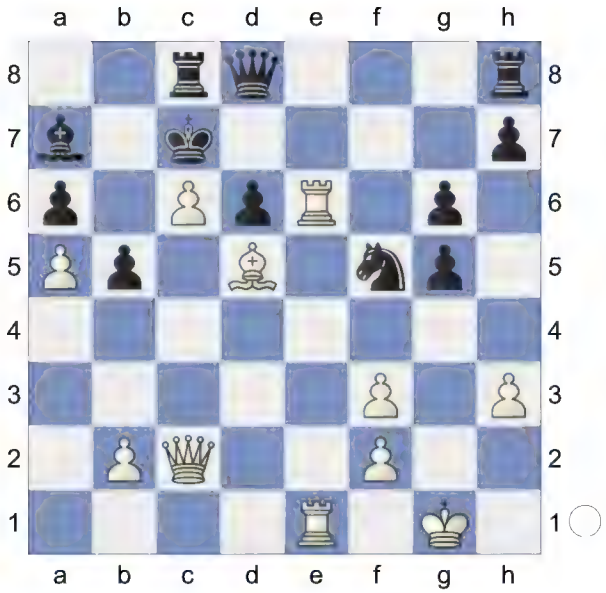
[ 23...Qxa5? 24.c6+ Kc8 *( 24...Kc7? 25.Re7+ Nxe7 26.Rxe7+ Kb6 27.c7+- )* 25.c7+- ]

[Inferior is 23...Bxc5 24.b4 Bxf2+ *( 24...Bxb4 25.Qc6#; 24...Nd4? 25.Qe4+- )* 25.Qxf2+- ]

[ 23...dxc5? 24.Qe4 Qc7 *( 24...Qxa5 25.Re7+ Kd8 26.Re8+* Back Rank *Rxe8 27.Qxe8+ Kc7 28.Qc6+ Kd8 29.Re8# )* 25.Rd1+- *( 25.Rc6 Qxc6* Remove Defender *26.Bxc6+ Kc7+- )*]

**24.c6+ Kc7**

(Diagram)




**25.Qxf5!** Remove Defender. The position is equal. **25...gxf5**

[ 25...Bxf2+ 26.Kxf2 ]

**26.Re7+ Kb8 27.Rb7+! Ka8 28.c7! Bxf2+! 29.Kxf2 Qf6** and ...Qd4+ should not be overlooked

[ 29...Rxc7 30.Rxc7+ Kb8 31.Rb7+ Ka8 32.Rxb5+ *( 32.Rd7+ Kb8+-; 32.Ree7 Qxe7 33.Rxe7+ Kb8+- )* 32...Ka7 33.Rb7+ Ka8 34.Re3 *( 34.Rxh7+ Kb8+-; 34.Ree7 Qxe7 35.Rxe7+ Kb8+- )*]

**30.Rb8+ Ka7 31.Rb7+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

**31...Ka8**

**½-½**

**103** **C78**

□ **Golizadeh,Asghar** **2457**

■ **Tin,Jingyao** **2597**

Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late b..

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3**

**Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**

[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]

**8.d3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5!** The main line 9...Na5 scores better than 9...b4. Die Hauptvariante 9...Sa5 punktet besser als 9...b4. **10.Ba2N**

[ 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 24.Kf1 Rf6 ½-½ Polg Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th_145686 1997 (3) ]

**10...b4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5** The position is equal. **12...Bxd5 13.exd5 d6 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.d4N**

[ 17.c4 bxc3 18.bxc3 d5 19.Rb1 Qd6 20.Qe2 Rac8 21.e4 h6 22.d4 -0.86/24 *( 22.h3∓ -0.40/21 )*

(Diagram)

22...exd4 -0.34/23 *( 22...dxe4!∓ -0.86/24 23.Qxe4 f5 )* 23.cxd4∓ dxe4 24.Qxe4 0-1 (37) Nagy Gode,P (1163)-Sukhanitskij,S (1312) ZL-2010-0-00762 ]

**17...Rc8** 0.01/21

[ 17...e4∓ -0.36/20 should be considered. 18.Nd2 d5 ]

**18.Qe2 Qb6** 0.06/20

[ 18...Qa5∓ -0.31/21 ]

**19.Rad1= Rfe8?** 1.98/20

[ 19...h6= 0.00/19 ]

**20.Qd2?** -0.45/21

[ 20.Ng5+- 1.98/20 and Qh5 should not be overlooked Rc7 21.Qh5 ]

**20...Na5** -0.01/22

[ 20...f6∓ -0.45/21 ]

**21.b3 h6** 0.58/23

[ 21...Nb7= -0.13/20 ]

**22.Qf2± Qc7 23.Rd2** 0.12/22

[ 23.dxe5± 0.62/22 dxe5 24.Nh4 ]

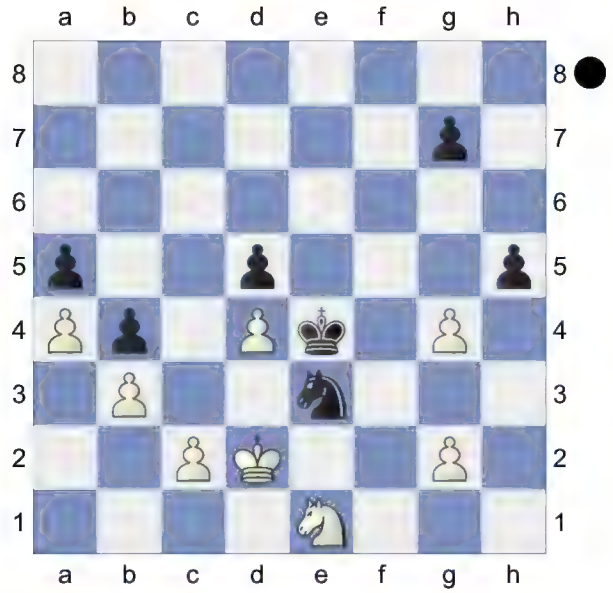
**23...Nc6 24.Nh4**

[ 24.d5!? Nd8 25.Nh4± ]

**24...exd4 25.exd4 d5 26.Nf5 Re6 27.Qf3 Rd8 28.Qf2 Qd7 29.Rd3 Rde8 30.Rg3 Rg6 31.Rxg6** -0.81/23

[ 31.Qf3= -0.10/23 keeps the balance. ]

**31...fxg6∓ 32.Nh4 Kh7 33.Nf3 Qf5** -0.26/23 Black is more active.
[ 33...Re4∓ -0.88/21 ]
**34.Qd2= Rf8** -0.01/23
[ 34...Qg4∓ -0.38/24 ]
**35.Re1 a5 36.Ne5 Rf6 37.h3 Re6 38.Nf3 Rxe1+ 39.Nxe1** Endgame KQN-KQN **39...Qe4 40.Nf3 g5 41.Qf2 Kg6 42.Qd2 Kf5 43.Qf2 Ke6 44.Qd2 Ne7 45.Ne1 Nf5 46.Nf3 Qe3+ 47.Qxe3+** Remove Defender **47...Nxe3** KN-KN White is on the road to losing. **48.Ne1?** -7.54/29
[ 48.g4= -0.01/31 ]
**48...Kf5-+ 49.Kf2 Ke4 50.Ke2 h5**
[ 50...Kxd4 51.Nf3+ Ke4 52.Nd2+ Kf4 53.g3+ Kxg3 54.Kxe3∓ ]
**51.Kd2 g4**
[And not 51...Kxd4 52.Nf3+ Ke4 53.Nxg5+ Kf5 54.Kxe3= ]
**52.hxg4**

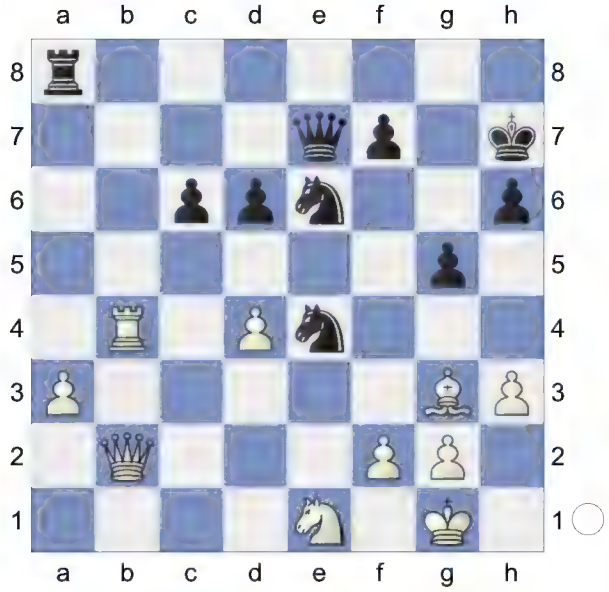


**hxg4** -0.84/24
[ 52...h4!-+ -6.12/28 53.g5 g6 *( 53...Kxd4 54.Nf3+ Ke4 55.Nxh4= )*]
**53.g3** -13.72/28
[ 53.c3∓ -0.84/24 bxc3+ 54.Kxc3 ]
**53...Kxd4 54.Ke2 Ke4** Hoping for ... Kd4. **55.Nd3 Nxc2 56.Nc5+ Ke5 57.Nb7 Nd4+ 58.Kd3 Nxb3 59.Kc2 Nd4+ 60.Kd3 Nc6 61.Nc5 g6 62.Nb3 Kf5 63.Nc5 Ke5?** -0.01/24
[ 63...d4-+ -15.27/29 64.Kc4 Ke5 ]
**64.Nb3= Kd6 65.Ke3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.36
**65...Ne5**
**0-1**

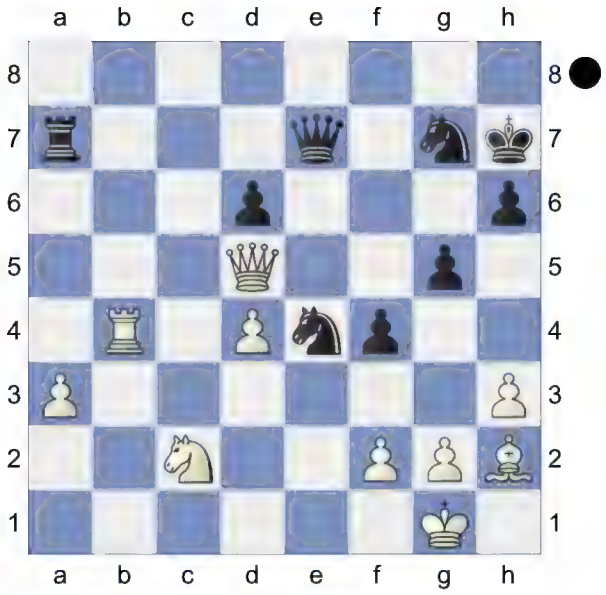
**104** **C78**
□ **Volokitin,And** **2628**
■ **Godena,M** **2439**
25th ch-EUR Indiv 2025 (7.51) 22.03.25
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8.d3 0-0 9.Bg5N**
[ 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th 145686 1997 (3) ]
**9...h6 10.Bh4 Be7 11.axb5 axb5** White is slightly better. **12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Na3 Bxa3 14.bxa3 d6** 0.87/20

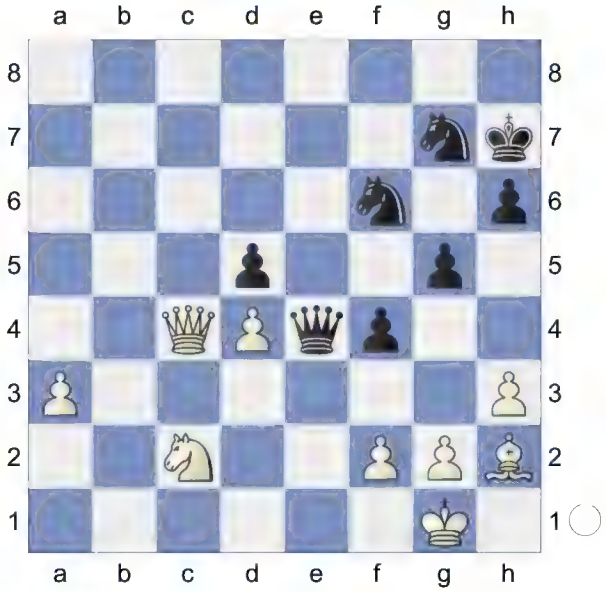
[ 14...Qe7!± 0.50/20 ]
**15.Qd2 Qe7** 1.22/22
[ 15...Kh7± 0.66/20 ]
**16.h3** White is more active. **16...Bb7 17.Bd5 Nd8 18.Bxb7 Nxb7 19.Rb1 Nc5 20.Rxb5 Ra8 21.Qb4 Ra4 22.Qc3 g5 23.Bg3 Ne6 24.Rb8+** 0.57/21
[ 24.Ra5± 0.95/20 Qe8 25.Rxa4 Qxa4 26.Kf1 ]
**24...Kh7 25.Qb2 Nd7! 26.Rb4 Ra8 27.c3 Ndc5 28.Ne1** 0.06/22
[ 28.Qc2± 0.42/22 was preferable. ]
**28...c6?** 1.82/23
[ 28...Qe8= 0.06/22 and Black is okay. ]
**29.d4!+- exd4 30.cxd4 Nxe4**



**31.Qc2?** 0.08/23
[ 31.Qb1!+- 2.08/22 f5 32.Rb7 Pin ]
**31...f5= 32.Qxc6 Ra7**
[ 32...Rxa3? 33.Rb7+- ]
**33.Qd5** -0.88/24
[ 33.Nf3= 0.01/21 ]
**33...Ng7∓** Black has strong compensation. Excellent horsemanship.
**34.Nc2?** -3.85/26
[White has to play 34.Nf3!∓ -0.66/23 ]
**34...f4-+ 35.Bh2**



**Nf6?** -0.21/22
[Black should try 35...Nd2!-+ -3.57/25 36.Kh1 Rc7 ]
**36.Qf3!= Rc7**
[ 36...Qe6 37.d5 Qxd5 38.Qxd5 Nxd5 39.Rd4 Ra5 ]
**37.Rc4** Decoy **37...Rxc4 38.Qd3+ Qe4 39.Qxc4 d5⇄**

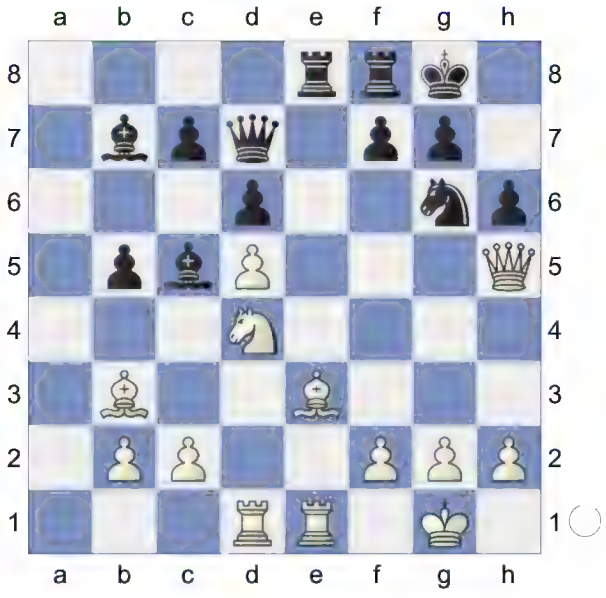


Black is not keeping still **40.f3! Qxf3 41.gxf3 dxc4** Endgame KBN-KNN **42.a4 Ne6 43.Kf1 Nd5 44.Bg1 Kg6 45.Na3 c3 46.Ke2 c2 47.Kd2**
[ 47.Nxc2 simplifies Nc3+ 48.Kd3

Nxa4 49.d5 ]
**47...Nc3** Decoy, Promotion **48.Kxc2 Nxa4 49.Nc4** and Kb3 should not be overlooked **49...g4?** 5.69/27 **50.fxg4+-** White is clearly winning. **50...Ng5 51.Kb3 f3** 9.76/26
[ ⌓51...Nxh3 4.83/26 52.Bh2 Kg5 ]
**52.Kxa4 Nxh3 53.Ne5+ Kg5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.56
**54.Be3+**
[Weaker is 54.Nxf3+ Kf4± ]
**1-0**

**105** **C78**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2622**
■ **Arjun,Kalyan** **2516**
Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early b..
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.a4!** is recently more successful than 8. c3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8.c3.
[ 8.c3 h6 9.a4 Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bb6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 b4 15.Qc2 bxc3 16.bxc3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Nb4 Akopian,V (2712)-Cheparinov,I (2678) Jermuk 106/(95) 2009 ]
[ 8.Nc3 h6 9.Nd5 Na5 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxb3 12.axb3 Bb7 13.Nf5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Qf6 15.Qg4 g6 16.Re1+ Kf8 17.Ne3 Re8 18.Bd2 h5 19.Qg3 Kg7 20.Bc3 Bd4 21.Bxd4 1-0 Naroditsky,D (2622)-Iljin, T (2337) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early blitz 2023 (1) ]
**8...Rb8 9.Nc3N**
[ 9.axb5 axb5 10.h3 *( 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Qe2 Nd7 13.c3 Qf6 14.g3 Ne7 15.Nh4 b4 16.Bc4 bxc3 17.bxc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 c6 19.f4 d5 20.Bxc5 Nxc5 21.fxe5 Qe6 22.Nb3 Na4 23.exd5 cxd5 24.Bb5 Qb6+* ½-½ (38) Nedev,T (2590)-Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2700) 94/354 Greece 2005*)* 10...h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Ne2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ke7 17.Qe1 Rhg8 18.Qh4 Rg6 19.Rxf6 1-0 Gregersen, E (1894)-Saliba,K (1570) Reykjavik op 2023 (1) ]
**9...h6** **10.Nd5!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
**10...Nxd5** The position is equal. **11.exd5 Ne7 12.axb5 axb5 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 0-0 15.Be3 Bd7N**
[Vorgänger: 15...Qd7 16.Re1 Bb7 17.Qh5 -0.08/23 *( 17.Qf3± 0.31/23 )* 17...Rbe8 and ...Nxd5! would now be decisive 18.Rad1 -1.37/21 *( 18.c4= -0.01/22 )* 18...Ng6? 2.42/24 *( 18...Nxd5!∓* -1.37/21 and life is bright. *19.Bxd5 Re5 )*



19.Ne6!+- Bxe3 20.Nxf8? 0.80/23 *( 20.Rxe3+-* 3.31/24 and White stays

clearly on top. *fxe6 21.dxe6 )* 20...Bxf2+± 21.Kxf2 Rxf8 1-0 (66) Maltsevskaya,A (2252)-Zaiatz,E (2364) Sochi 2016 ]

**16.Qh5** -0.42/21

[ 16.Qd3= -0.04/21 ]

**16...Bxd4∓ 17.Bxd4 Nf5** Prevents Qh4 **18.Rad1 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 Qf6 20.c3 Rfe8 21.h3 Re5 22.Qd1 Rbe8 23.Bc2 g6 24.Bd3 Qe7 25.Qd2 h5 26.f4 Re1 27.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Rxe1+=** Endgame KRB-KRB **29.Kf2 Rd1 30.Ke2 Rg1 31.Kf2 Rd1 32.Ke2** Dodges Rd2+ **32...Rg1 33.Be4 Kf8 34.Kf2 Ra1 35.Rb4 Rd1 36.Ke2 Rg1 37.Kf2 Rd1 38.Bf3 Rc1 39.Be2 Ke7 40.Bxb5 Bxb5 41.Rxb5** KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **41...Rc2+ 42.Kf3 Rd2 43.c4 Rc2 44.b3 Kd7 45.Rb8 Rc3+ 46.Kf2 Rc2+ 47.Kg3 Rc3+?** 2.42/32

[ 47...Rb2= 0.14/25 and Black is okay. ]

**48.Kh4+- Ke7 49.Rb7 Kd7 50.Rb8** -0.01/28

[ 50.Kg5± 1.58/28 ]

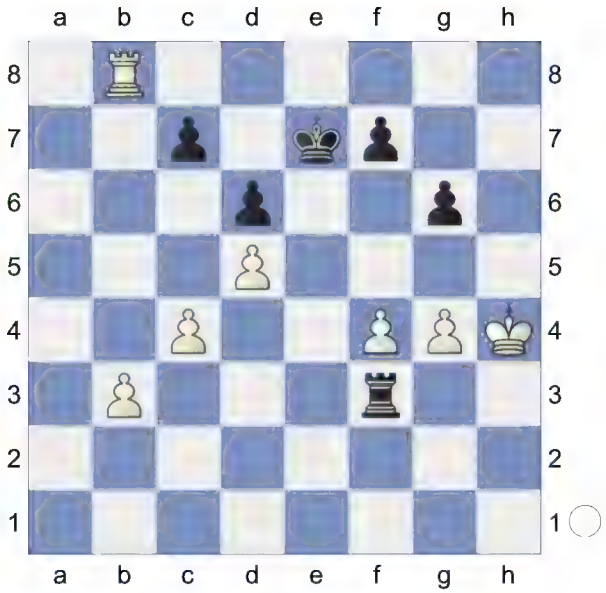
**50...Ke7= 51.g4 hxg4** 3.03/31

[ 51...Rf3 2.08/28 might work better. 52.gxh5 gxh5 53.Kxh5 Rxf4 ]

**52.hxg4+-** And now Kg5 would win.

**52...Rf3**

(Diagram)



**53.Kg5** 0.44/27

[ 53.Rb7!+- 2.14/27 ]

**53...Kd7** 7.75/30

[ 53...f6+± 0.44/27 54.Kxg6 Rxf4 ]

**54.f5 gxf5 55.gxf5 Ke7 56.Rb7 Kd7 57.Kf6 Kc8 58.Ra7 Rxb3 59.Kxf7 Kd7 60.f6 Rc3 61.Ra1 Rxc4 62.Re1 Rg4 63.Re7+ Kd8 64.Kf8 Rg5 65.f7 Rg1** 7.32/25

[ ⌓65...Rxd5 4.72/25 66.Re8+ Kd7 ]

**66.Re6 Kd7 67.Re7+?** 0.01/22

[ 67.Rh6+- 11.04/30 Rg5 68.Rh7 ]

**67...Kd8= 68.Re4** Against Rg4 **68...Kd7 69.Rh4** Rh7 would kill now. **69...Rg2** 12.34/23

[ ⌓69...Rg5 4.79/23 70.Rh7 Kd8 ]

**70.Rh7+- c6 71.Rg7**

[ 71.dxc6+ Kxc6 72.Rg7 Rf2+- ]

**71...Rf2**

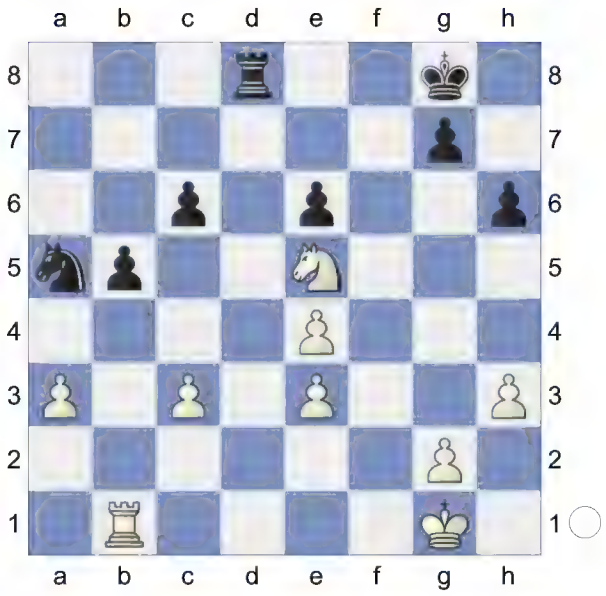
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.30

**72.Kg8**

**1-0**

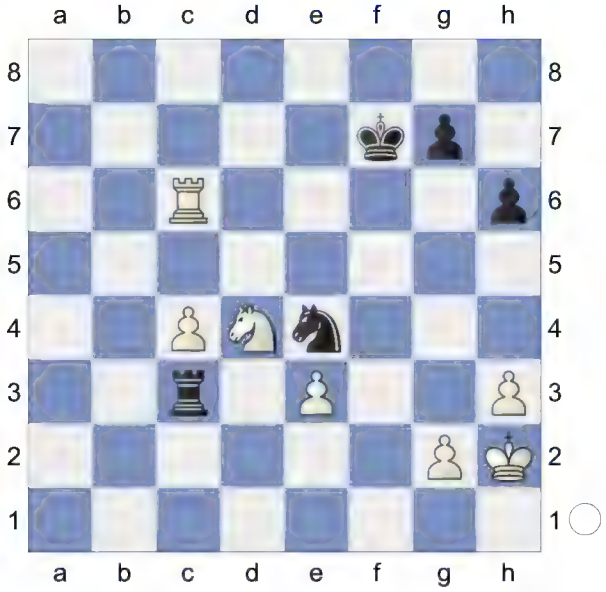
**106** **C78**
□ **Begmuratov,Khumoyun** **2461**
■ **Sethuraman,SP** **2552**
Kuwait Rapid op 3rd (6) 03.05.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** 6...Bb7 is a critical line .6...Lb7 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **7.d3 d6 8.a3N**
[ 8.Nc3 h6 *( 8...Na5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nxb3 12.axb3 h5 13.h4 Bg4 14.hxg5 h4 15.Bh2 h3* 23. Ruy Lopez: 5. d3 & 5. Nc3-5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.O-O d6 #1*)* 9.Nd5 Rb8 10.c3 0-0 11.Be3 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Ne7 14.Bb3 c5 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Rf2 a5 17.a4 bxa4 18.Bxa4 Be6 19.Raf1 Rb6 20.c4 Rfb8 21.b3 f6 22.Ra1 Bd7 ½-½ (50) Naroditsky,D (2617)-Dubov,D (2708) Speed Chess Q2 KO blitz 2022 (1.4) ]
[ 8.c3 h6 9.a4 Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bb6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 b4 15.Qc2 bxc3 16.bxc3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Nb4 Akopian,V (2712)-Cheparinov,I (2678) Jermuk 106/(95) 2009 ]
[ 8.a4 Rb8 9.axb5 axb5 10.h3 h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Ne2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ke7 17.Qe1 Rhg8 18.Qh4 Rg6 19.Rxf6 1-0 Gregersen,E (1894)-Saliba,K (1570) Reykjavik op 2023 (1) ]
**8...0-0 9.h3 Be6 10.Bxe6** The position is equal. **10...fxe6 11.c3 Bb6 12.Be3 Bxe3N**
[ 12...d5 0.46/22 12...Bxe3 0.06 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.Nbd2 Qd6 15.Qe2 Nd7 16.Nb3 -0.01/20 *( 16.Rac1± 0.51/19 )* 16...Nc5 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.Rfd1 d4 0-1 (48) Afrin Jahan,M (1651)-Noshin,A (2045) BAN-ch (Women) 2021 (3) ]
**13.fxe3 d5 14.Nbd2 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.dxe4 Qxd1** 1.49/23
[ 16...Na5!± 0.45/21 ]
**17.Raxd1± Rad8** Against Rd7 **18.b4! a5 19.bxa5** 0.68/24
[ 19.Rxd8± 1.42/21 Rxd8 20.Rc1 ]
**19...Nxa5± 20.Nxe5 Rxf1+ 21.Rxf1±** Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **21...h6 22.Rb1 c6**



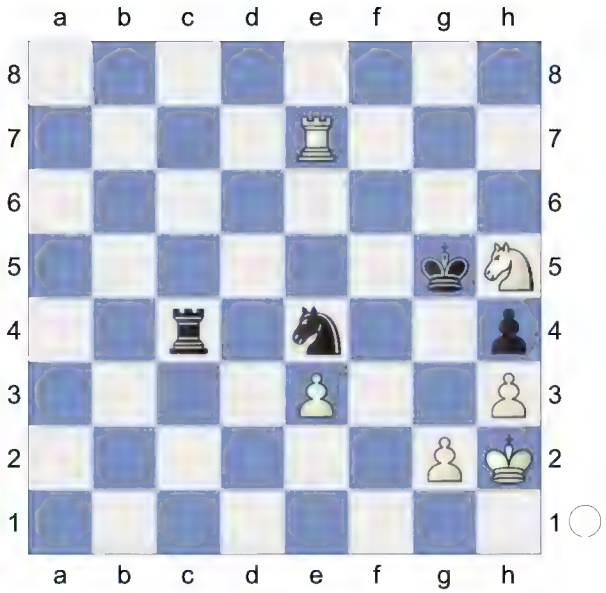
**23.a4!** 0.61/21 **bxa4±** and ...Nb3 should not be overlooked **24.Ra1 Rb8 25.Rxa4** White is more active. **25...Rb5 26.Nd3** and c4 should not be overlooked **26...Nb7** 1.22/25
[Black should try 26...Nb3 0.73/24 ]
**27.Ra8+** 0.73/24
[Better is 27.Rb4! 1.22/25 ]
**27...Kh7 28.Rc8** 0.22/26
[ 28.Re8± 1.01/25 ]
**28...Nd6 29.Rxc6 Nxe4 30.c4 Rb1+ 31.Kh2 e5** 1.05/26 **32.Nxe5± Rb3 33.Nf3** 0.89/24

[ 33.Nd7!+- 1.70/24 ]
**33...Rc3 34.Rc7 Kg8?** 3.09/24
[ 34...Rc1± 0.84/25 35.Ne5 Rc3 ]
**35.Rc8+?** 0.65/23
[ 35.Nd4!+- 3.09/24 ]
**35...Kh7± 36.Nd4 Kg6** 1.60/26
[ ⌓36...Nd2 0.72/23 ]
**37.Nb5 Rc2** 2.35/24
[ 37...Rc1± 1.25/25 was worth a try. 38.Rc6+ Kh7 ]
**38.Rc6+!+- Kf7** 2.60/28
[ ⌓38...Kh7 1.93/26 39.Nd4 Rc1 ]
**39.Rc7+ Kf6 40.Rc6+** 0.01/21
[ 40.Nd4± 1.44/23 Rc1 41.Ne2 ]
**40...Kf7?** 2.34/25
[ 40...Ke7= 0.01/21 ]
**41.Nd4 Rc3**



**42.Nf5! h5 43.Rc7+ Kf6** 4.46/25
[ ⌓43...Kg6 2.84/27 ]
**44.Nxg7 h4 45.Nh5+ Kg5 46.Re7** 2.20/25
[ ⌓46.Nf4 3.79/26 ]
**46...Rxc4**

(Diagram)



**47.Re5+?** 0.42/27
[ 47.Nf4!+- 2.45/28 ]
**47...Kh6!± 48.Rd5 Rc1?** 2.51/23
[ 48...Rc3= 0.12/25 and Black stays safe. ]
**49.g4?** -0.01/23
[White must play 49.Rd4!+- 2.51/23 ]
**49...hxg3+= 50.Nxg3 Rc2+** Deflection **51.Kg1 Nxg3** KRN-KR **52.Re5 Kg6 53.h4 Nf5 54.h5+ Kf6 55.Re4 Kg5 56.h6** Deflection **56...Kxh6**
[Much less strong is 56...Nxh6 57.Kf1∓ ]
**57.Rg4 Nxe3 58.Rg3 Nf5** ( -> ...Rc1+) **59.Rg4** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.41
**59...Rc3**
**½-½**

**107** **C78**
□ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2605**
■ **Jones,G** **2675**
2nd Sharjah Masters 2018 (6.5) 16.04.18
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

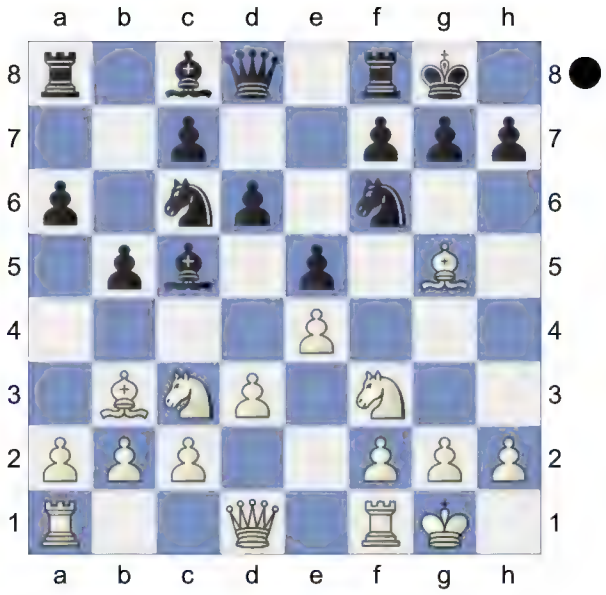
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d3**

[ 8.Nd5 Nxe4 9.d3 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Re1 h6 13.Bh4 Bb7 14.c3 Rfe8 15.d4 e4 16.Nd2 Na5 17.Bc2 g5 18.Bg3 Nc4 19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.b3 Bd5 21.Be5 d6 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 0-1 (60) Buchicchio,G (2786)-Hantel,T (2808) RLPF-ch U13 Wolfstein 1994 (2) ]

[ 8.a4 b4 9.Nd5 Nxe4 10.d3 Nf6 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 h6 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bf4 d6 16.d4 Rd8 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Qe2 e4 19.Qc4 c5 20.Be3 Be6 21.Qxc5 Qxc5 22.Bxc5 Bxb3 ½-½ (40) Moiseenko,A (2673)-Ronneland,D (2690) USSR Ch., (Game 48) 2004 (8) ]

**8...d6 9.Bg5**

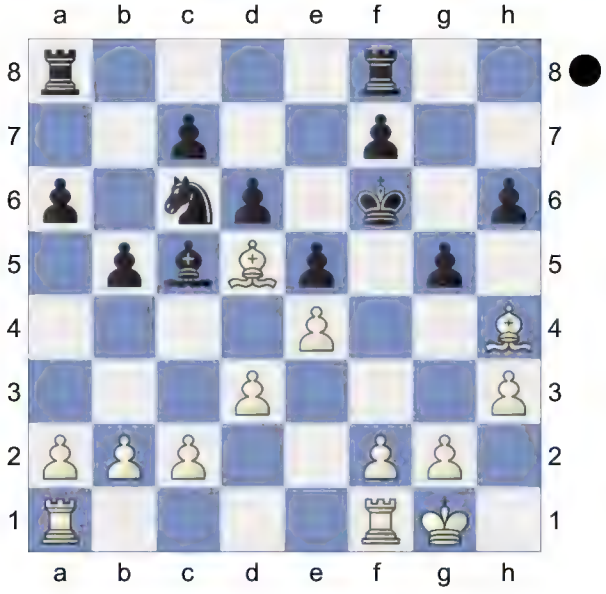
(Diagram)



**h6 10.Bh4N**

[ 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.c3 Ba7 13.a4 b4 14.h3 bxc3 15.bxc3 Rb8 16.a5 Ne7 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Bc4 c6 19.Qa4 Qc7 20.Rab1 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 d5 22.Ba2 Be6 8.♘b3 00 9.f4 ♗e6 10.g4-Bajoni,L Abu Dhabi Masters op 2001 ]

**10...Bg4** The position is equal. **11.Nd5 g5 12.h3! Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Kg7! 14.Nxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxf6+ Kxf6 16.Bd5**



**Nd4 17.Bxa8 Rxa8 18.Bg3 Nxc2 19.Rad1** White is weak on the dark

squares **19...Ke6** -0.37/26
[ 19...a5∓ -0.99/22 20.Kh2 Ke6 ]
**20.Kh2∓ f5 21.exf5+** -1.27/23
[ 21.Rd2∓ -0.42/23 Nd4 22.f3 ]
**21...Kf6** -0.66/24
[ 21...Kxf5∓ -1.27/23 22.Rc1 Nb4 ]
**22.a3** Wards off a5 **22...Nd4** -0.34/22 Black is more active.
[ 22...Kxf5∓ -0.83/23 23.Rc1 Nd4 ]
**23.Rc1** -1.07/23
[ 23.f3∓ -0.34/22 ]
**23...Nxf5** -0.39/22
[ 23...Kxf5∓ -1.07/23 24.h4 Ke6 ]
**24.Rfe1** -1.83/22
[Better is 24.f3!∓ -0.39/22 ]
**24...Bb6** -1.03/22
[ 24...Bd4-+ -1.83/22 Threatens to win with ...h5. 25.b4 *( 25.Rxc7 h5± )* 25...c5 ]
**25.Re4∓ c5** -0.36/21
[Black should try 25...Ke6∓ -1.09/20 ]
**26.f3!∓ Nxg3** 0.03/18
[ 26...Rb8∓ -0.34/20 ]
**27.Kxg3** Endgame KRR-KRB **27...d5 28.Re2 Rc8 29.b3 Rc6** 0.96/23
[ 29...Bc7!= -0.09/21 keeps the balance. 30.Re3 *( 30.Rxc5 e4+ 31.Rxc7 Rxc7= )* 30...e4+ 31.Kf2 Bb6 *( 31...Bf4 32.fxe4 Bxe3+ 33.Kxe3= )*]
**30.h4± gxh4+** 1.50/23
[ ⌓30...Kf5 0.77/23 ]
**31.Kxh4 Kf5 32.g3 Bc7 33.Kh5 Bd6 34.f4** 0.20/20
[ 34.Kxh6 Bf8+ 35.Kh7 Rc7+ *( 35...Rh6+ 36.Kg8= )* 36.Kg8 Bd6-+ ]
[ 34.Rce1± 1.20/23 ]
**34...exf4= 35.g4+** 1.76/5
[ 35.Kxh6 f3 *( 35...fxg3? 36.Rf1+ Bf4+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *37.Kg7-+ )* 36.g4+ Kxg4-+ ]
[ 35.gxf4= 0.20/26 Rc7 36.Re8 *( 36.Kxh6? Bxf4+ 37.Kh5 Rh7# )*]
**35...Kf6+- 36.Rce1 Bf8**
[ 36...f3? 37.Re3 *( 37.Re6+ Kf7+- )* 37...Kg7 38.Rxf3+- ]
**37.Rf1 Bd6 38.Rfe1⇄** and Re6+ should not be overlooked. White is not holding back **38...Bf8!**
[Wrong is 38...f3? 39.Rf1 *( 39.Re6+ Kf7+- )* 39...Kg7 40.Rxf3+- ]
**39.Rf1 Bd6 40.Kxh6 c4 41.bxc4 bxc4 42.dxc4 dxc4 43.g5+ Kf5 44.Kh5?** -9.77/24
[ 44.g6= -0.09/20 ]
**44...Rc8-+** Black is clearly winning.
**45.Kh6 Be5**
[Inferior is 45...Bxa3 46.g6± ]
**46.Rxe5+ Kxe5** KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **47.g6 Ke4 48.g7 f3 49.Kh7 c3 50.Re1+ Kd3 51.Rd1+ Ke2 52.Rd6** Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.29 (precise)
**52...c2**
**0-1**

**108** **C78**
□ **Das,Sayantan** **2489**
■ **Puranik,Abhimanyu Sameer** **2611**
IND-ch 60th Pune (5) 20.08.2023
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Re1N**
[ 9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-

The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**9...0-0 10.Bg5 Rb8!?** An interesting s i d e l i n e .Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **11.h3** The position is equal. **11...h6 12.Bh4 Bb7 13.a4 g5 14.Bg3 Re8! 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bc2N**
[Vorgänger: 16.d5 -0.53/21 16.dxe5 0.14 Ne7 17.Nh2 -1.19/22 *( 17.Na3∓ -0.42/20 )* 17...Bc8 18.Kf1 -2.35/22 *( 18.Na3∓ -0.90/20 )* 18...Ng6-+ 19.Ng4 -3.19/23 *( ⌓19.f3 -2.12/20 )* 19...Kg7-+ 20.f3 Nxg4 21.fxg4 Qf6+ -1.91/21 *( ⌓21...h5 -3.63/21 22.gxh5 Qf6+ 23.Qf3 Qxf3+ 24.gxf3 Nf4 25.Bxf4 gxf4 )* 22.Qf3-+ Qxf3+ -1.20/5 *( 22...Nf4-+ -2.14/20* Hoping for ...h5. *23.Na3 Bd7 )* 23.gxf3 ½-½ Asrian,K (2575)-Blehm,P (2479) Wch U20 Yerevan 1999 (9) ]

**16...exd4! 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.Nbd2 Nxc2 19.Qxc2 Qd7 20.e5** -0.55/23
[ 20.Rad1= -0.12/21 ]

**20...Nh5**
[ 20...dxe5 with more complications. 21.Rxe5 Nh5 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.Qxe4 Nxg3 25.fxg3 Kg7 ]

**21.Bh2 f5 22.Ra3** -1.26/20
[ 22.Qb3+!∓ -0.34/20 d5 23.e6 Rxe6 24.Rxe6 Qxe6 25.Re1 ]

**22...Ng7∓ 23.Rae3 Bd5 24.R3e2** -1.48/18
[White should try 24.exd6 -1.00/19 Rxe3 *( 24...cxd6 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Rxe8+ Nxe8 27.Nf1∓ )* 25.fxe3 cxd6 26.e4 fxe4 27.Nxe4 ]

**24...Re6 25.exd6 Rxe2**
[ 25...cxd6 26.Rxe6 Bxe6 27.Qd3∓ ]

**26.Rxe2** Re7 would now be deadly.

**26...cxd6 27.Qd3** -2.45/20
[ 27.Re1 -1.94/21 was worth a try. ]

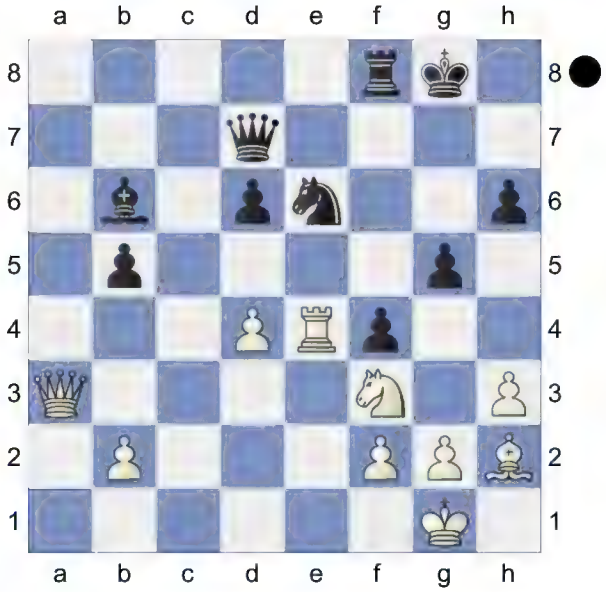
**27...Rf8 28.Re1 Ne6** -0.82/21
[ 28...Qc6-+ -1.69/19 and Black stays clearly on top. 29.Ra1 Ne6 ]

**29.Qa3** -1.57/21
[ ⌓29.Nf1 -0.82/21 ]

**29...f4** -1.06/22
[ 29...Bxd4 30.Nxd4 *( 30.Qxd6 Qxd6 31.Bxd6 Rd8= )* 30...Nxd4 31.Qd3± *( 31.Qxd6 Qxd6 32.Bxd6 Rd8=; 31.Bxd6 Nc2= )*]
[Black should try 29...Rd8 -1.57/21 30.Qd3 Ng7 ]

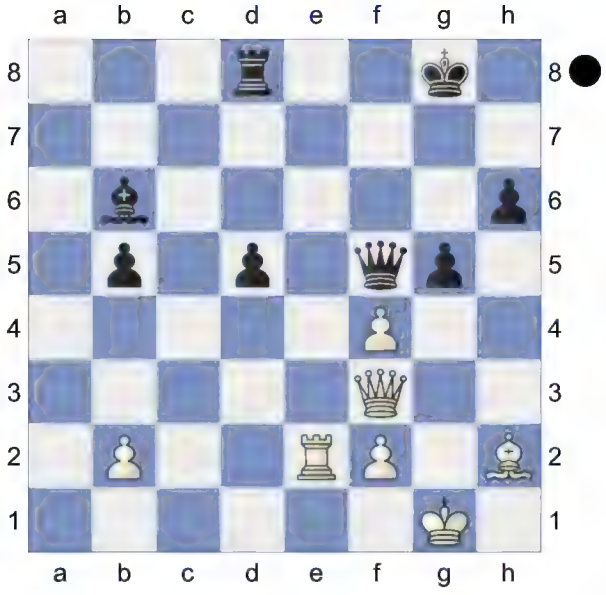
**30.Ne4 Bxe4**
[ 30...Bxd4?! 31.Nxd4 Nxd4 32.Qd3 Bxe4 33.Qxd4= ]

**31.Rxe4**



**d5! 32.Re5 Rc8** -0.01/24
[ 32...Nxd4∓ -0.69/24 33.Qd3 Rf5 34.Bxf4 *( 34.Nxd4? Rxe5 35.Nf3 Re4-+ )* 34...gxf4 *( 34...Nxf3+ 35.gxf3 Rxe5 36.Bxe5± )* 35.Nxd4 Rxe5

36.Qg6+ Qg7 37.Qxb6 Rg5 ]
**33.g3** -0.99/22
[ 33.Kh1= -0.01/24 ]
Black converts the advantage convincingly. **33...Nxd4**
[ 33...Bxd4?! 34.Nxd4 Nxd4 35.gxf4= ]
**34.Qd3?** -4.86/26
[ 34.Kg2∓ -1.22/24 ]
**34...Nxf3+-+ 35.Qxf3 Qxh3**
[ 35...Rc2 36.Re2 Rxe2 37.Qxe2∓ ]
**36.Re1** Prevents Rc1
[ 36.Qxd5+? is the wrong capture. Kh8 37.Re1 Bxf2+ *( 37...fxg3 38.Qe5+ Kh7 39.Qe4+ Kg7 40.Qe5+ Kg6 41.Bxg3= )* 38.Kh1 Bxe1-+ ]
**36...Rd8 37.Re2 Qf5** -1.92/22
Inhibits Qd3.
[ 37...Rd7 -4.84/23 38.Re8+ Kf7 ]
**38.gxf4**



**Bd4→** -1.17/21 Against Re5. White is in trouble.
[ 38...Rf8!-+ -2.14/23 39.Rd2 *( 39.Re5? Qxe5* Pin *40.Bg3 gxf4-+ )* 39...Rd8 *( 39...gxf4 40.Qxd5+ Rf7 41.Qxf5∓ )*]
**39.Kg2?** -4.59/24
[ 39.Qh5∓ -1.17/21 is more resistant. ]
**39...g4 40.Qb3 h5 41.Qxb5 Bf6 42.Qb6 Kf7** Black is clearly winning.
**43.Qc7+ Rd7 44.Qc2 Qxc2 45.Rxc2** Endgame KRB-KRB **45...d4 46.f3 d3 47.Rd2 Ke6 48.b3** -7.82/27
[ ⌓48.Bg1 -5.01/23 Kf5 49.fxg4+ hxg4 *( 49...Kxg4? 50.Be3-+ )* 50.Bc5 ]
**48...Kf5 49.Rd1 Bc3 50.fxg4+ hxg4 51.Bg3 Ke4 52.Kf2 Bd4+ 53.Kg2 Be3 54.f5 Kxf5 55.Be1 d2 56.Bf2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.25 (precise)
**56...Ke4**
**0-1**

**109** **C78**
□ **Yu Yangyi** **2729**
■ **Wen Yang** **2607**
1st Hainan Open 2016 (4.1) 10.12.2016
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Bb7 10.Bg5** 0.14/23
[ 10.Re1± 0.50/23 ]
**10...h6= 11.Bxf6 Qxf6** White has an edge. **12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 bxa4N**
[ 14...Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 25.Nb4 Ra4 26.Rd1 Bxd4 27.cxd4 Nc4 28.Nd3 Nd2 29.d5 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]
**15.Rxa4 a5 16.Re1 exd4 17.cxd4 Ne7 18.Bxb7 Rxb7 19.Ne3 Rd8 20.Qc2 Rbb8** 0.52/23

[ 20...Qg6= 0.12/23 deserves consideration. ]

**21.h4± d5** 0.31/27

[ ⌓21...Qg6 0.68/26 ]

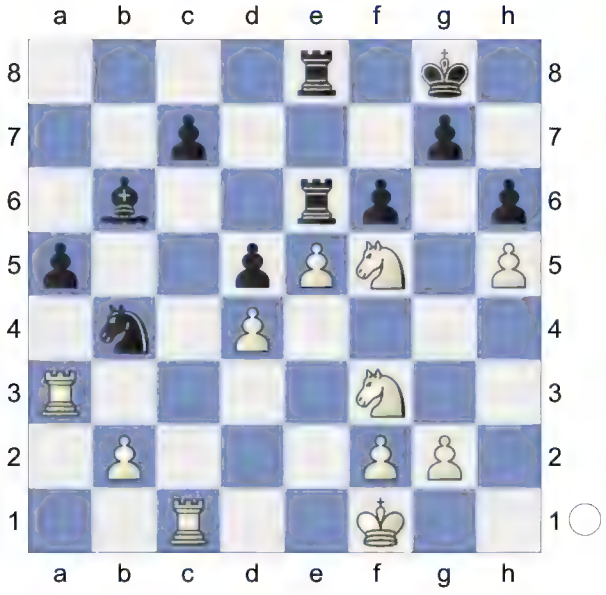
**22.e5 Qc6 23.Qxc6 Nxc6 24.Rc1 Nb4 25.Nf5 Re8 26.Ra3 Re6** 0.75/25

[ 26...h5= 0.25/25 ]

**27.h5** White is more active. **27...Rbe8**

**28.Kf1** Black cannot hold the game after this. **28...f6?** 4.43/26

[ 28...Kh7± 0.76/23 ]



**29.N3h4!+-** Black must now prevent Rg3. Excellent horsemanship. **29...Kf7**

[ 29...fxe5 30.Rg3 g5 31.hxg6 exd4 32.Nxh6+ Kg7 33.N4f5+ Kf6 34.g7+- ]

**30.f4** White is clearly winning. **30...Rc6** 6.99/25

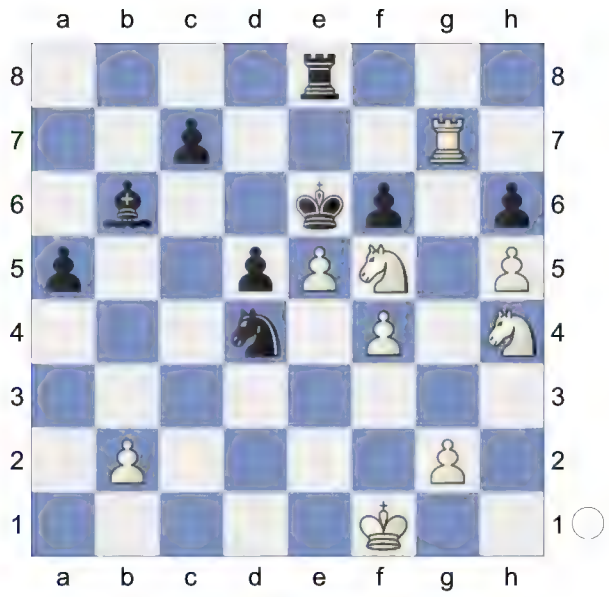
[ ⌓30...fxe5 4.35/24 31.fxe5 *( 31.dxe5 d4± )* 31...Rc6 ]

**31.Rxc6 Nxc6 32.Rg3 Nxd4 33.Rxg7+**

[Not 33.Nxg7 Rg8 34.Nhf5 Nxf5 35.e6+ Kf8 36.Nxf5 Rxg3 37.Nxg3 Be3= ]

**33...Ke6**

(Diagram)



**34.Rg6! Rf8**

[ 34...Kd7 35.Rxf6 ]

**35.Nxh6 a4 36.Ng4 a3 37.bxa3**

[ 37.exf6? perishes. axb2 38.g3 b1Q+-+ *( 38...b1B 39.f7+* Decoy *Kxf7 40.Ne5+ Ke8 41.h6-+ )*]

**37...Ra8 38.h6 Rxa3 39.Rxf6+**

[ 39.Nxf6 Ra1+ 40.Kf2 Nf5+ 41.Ke2 Nxh4= ]

**39...Kd7 40.h7 Ra1+ 41.Kf2 Ra2+ 42.Kg3 Ne2+ 43.Kh2 Bg1+ 44.Kh3 Ra8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.89

**45.Ng6**

**1-0**

**110** **C78**

□ **Hovhannisyan,R** **2626**

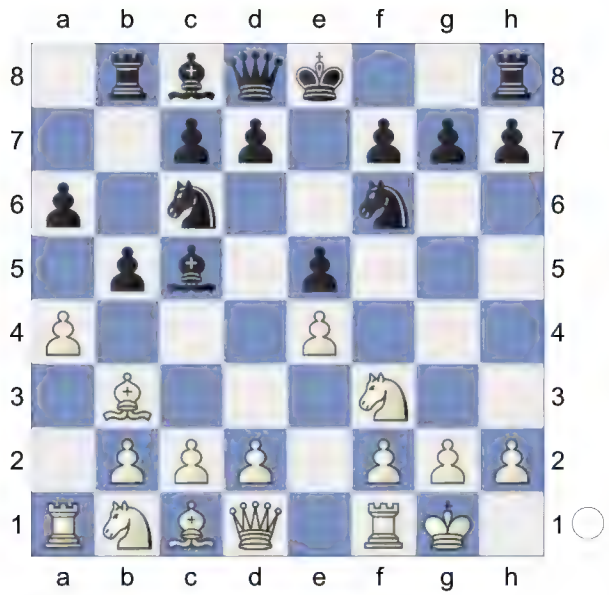
■ **Stefansson,H** **2519**

21st ch-EUR Indiv 2021 (8.17) 02.09.21

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8**



**8.Nxe5N** Deflection

[ 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) *)* 13...exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

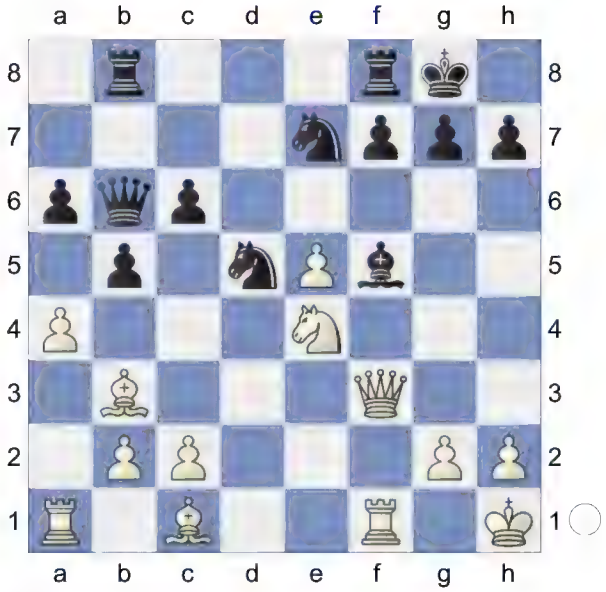
[ 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 *( 12.f4 Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6* Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 *)* 12...c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]

**8...Nxe5 9.d4 Bxd4** White has an edge. **10.Qxd4 d6 11.f4 Nc6 12.Qc3 Ne7 13.Nd2 0-0 14.e5 Nfd5 15.Qf3 dxe5 16.fxe5 c6** 0.58/19

[ 16...c5!= 0.08/20 ]

**17.Ne4± Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Bf5?** 2.55/25

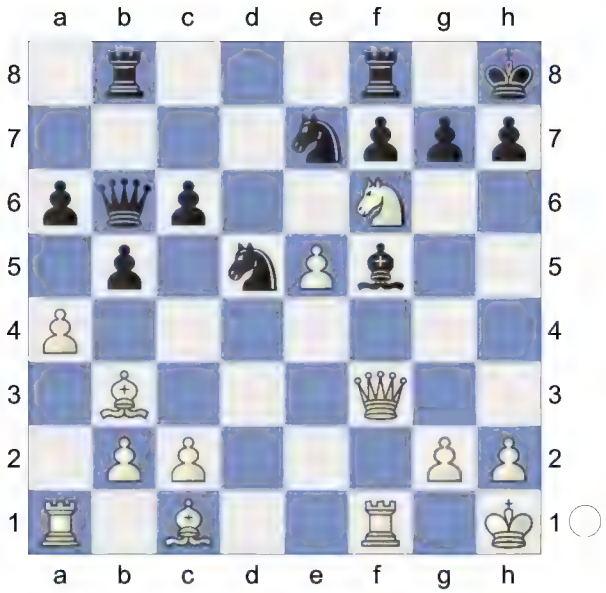
[ 18...Ng6± 0.56/19 ]



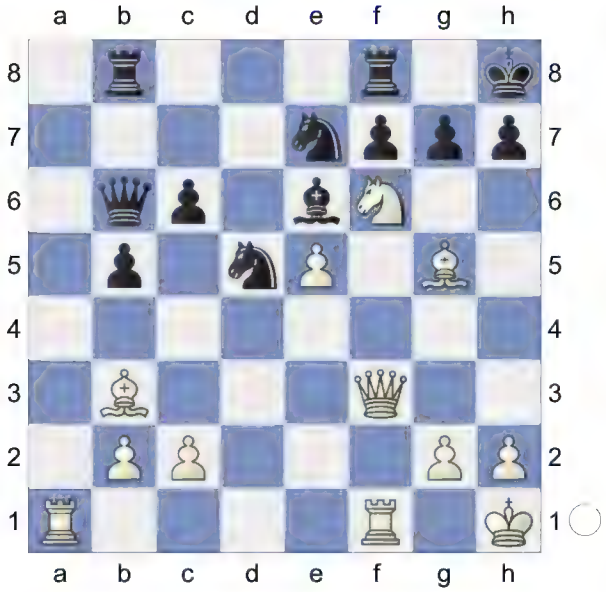
**19.Nf6+!+-** Double Attack **19...Kh8**

[ 19...gxf6 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Qg3+ Bg6 22.Rxf6 bxa4 23.Bh6 *( 23.Rxa4 Rbd8± )* 23...axb3 24.Qe5 ]

(Diagram)



**20.Bg5! Be6**
[ 20...gxf6 21.exf6 Rg8 22.h4+- *( 22.fxe7 Rxg5 23.axb5 Nxe7± )*]
**21.axb5** 1.21/21
[ 21.Nxh7+- 2.77/21 Kxh7 22.Bxe7 ]
**21...axb5?** 2.75/23
[ 21...Qxb5± 1.21/21 22.Ne4 Nf5 ]

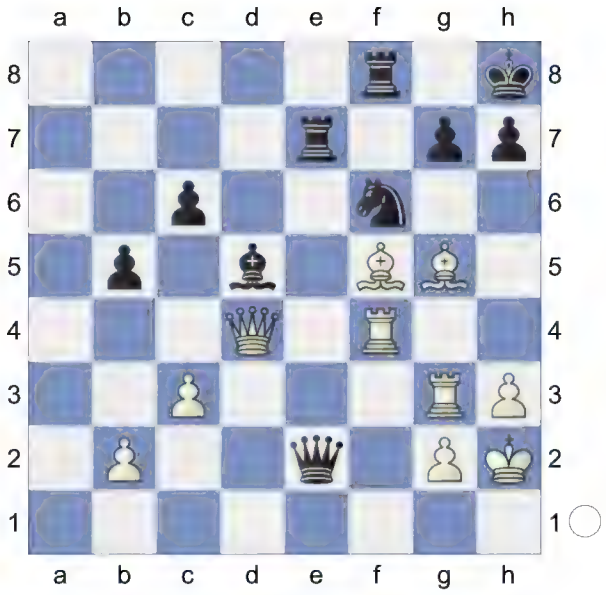


**22.Rae1! Qc5**
[ 22...gxf6 23.Bxf6+ Nxf6 *( 23...Kg8? 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.Qf4+- )* 24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Bxe6 *( 25.Qxe7 Qd8+- )* 25...fxe6 26.Qxe6+ *( 26.Qxe7 Rbe8+- )* 26...Kh8 27.Qxe7 Rxf1+ 28.Rxf1 ]
**23.Nh5** 1.08/19
[ 23.Ne4+- 2.31/22 Qd4 24.c3 ]
**23...Rg8** 1.71/21
[ 23...h6± 1.08/19 ]
**24.Ng3! Qa7 25.c3** 0.95/20
[ 25.Ne4+- 1.78/21 ]
**25...Qd7** 1.95/21
[ 25...Ng6± 0.95/20 keeps fighting. ]
**26.Re4** Black is weak on the dark squares **26...Rgf8 27.Bc2** 0.91/24
[ ⌓27.Nh5 1.59/21 ]
**27...f5± 28.exf6 Nxf6 29.Rh4** 0.57/19
[ 29.Rd4± 1.02/22 Ned5 30.Ne4 ]
**29...Bg8± 30.Rd1** 0.30/21
[ 30.b3± 0.75/20 ]
**30...Qe6= 31.Ne2** 0.18/22 White has more active pieces.
[ 31.h3± 0.65/22 ]
**31...Nfd5** 0.64/24
[ 31...Rbd8= 0.18/22 32.Re1 Rde8 ]
**32.Qd3±** Threatening mate with Rxh7+.
**32...Nf5?** 2.99/25
[ 32...Qf5± 0.55/23 ]
**33.Nd4+- Qg6 34.Rg4** -1.24/26
[ 34.Nxf5 Qxg5 35.g3 h6∓ ]
[ 34.Qd2+- 2.89/23 ]

(Diagram)

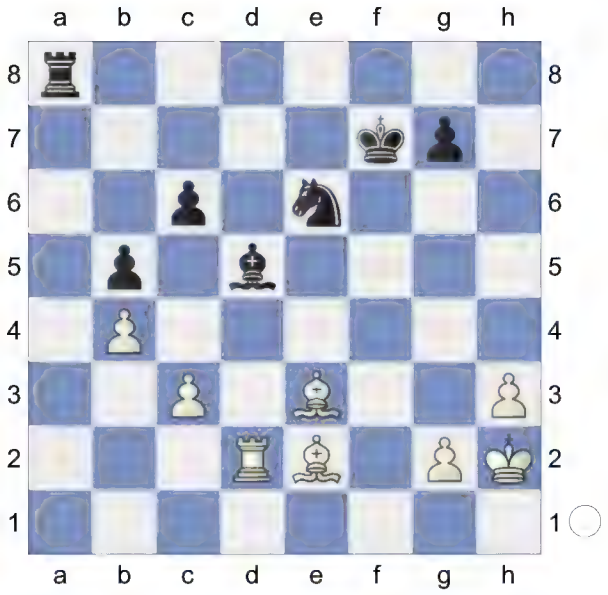
**34...Qh5** 0.17/21
[ 34...Nfe3!∓ -1.24/26 35.Qxg6 *( 35.Bxe3? Qxd3* Remove Defender *36.Rxd3 Nxe3-+ )* 35...Nxd1 ]
**35.h3→** White is up to no good.
**35...Nxd4 36.Qxd4 Nf6?** 3.54/24
[ 36...Rbe8= 0.27/21 and Black is okay. ]
**37.Rg3?** 0.20/23
[White must play 37.Bxf6+- 3.54/24 gxf6 38.Qd7 ]
**37...Rbe8 38.Kh2 Bd5** 1.50/23
[ 38...Qe2± 0.62/23 39.Rd2 Qe5 ]
**39.Rf1± Re6 40.Rf4 Qe2 41.Bf5 Re7**

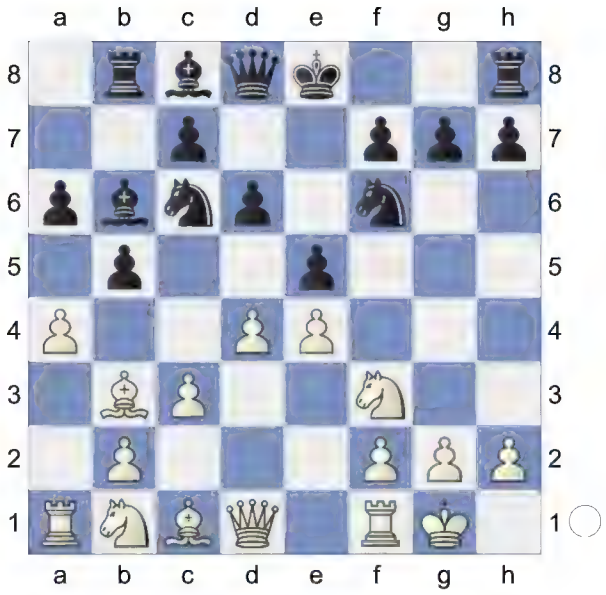
(Diagram)



**42.Bxh7! Qe5**
[ 42...Nxh7? 43.Rxf8+ Nxf8 44.Qh4+ Nh7 45.Bxe7+- ]
**43.Bd3 Qxd4 44.Rxd4**
[Less strong is 44.cxd4 Re6± ]
**44...Re6** 4.49/25
[ ⌓44...Re5 2.89/23 45.Rh4+ Kg8 ]
**45.Re3** 2.69/24
[ ⌓45.Bxb5 4.49/25 Ne4 46.Rg4 Nxg5 47.Rxg5 ]
**45...Rxe3+- 46.Bxe3 Re8 47.Rh4+ Kg8 48.Bd4 Re7** 3.58/20
[ ⌓48...Be4 2.43/23 ]
**49.Rf4 Ne4 50.b4 Ng5 51.Rf2 Be4 52.Bf1 Ne6 53.Be3 Rd7 54.Be2 Rd8 55.Bg4 Bd5 56.Rd2 Kf7 57.Be2 Ra8**

(Diagram)





**58.Bxb5** 1.38/24 **Ra3± 59.Be2 Rxc3 60.Bg1** b5 would now be deadly. **60...Be4 61.Bg4 Ke7** Prevents Rd7+. **62.Bf2 Bd3?** 3.61/24
[ 62...Rc4± 1.24/23 ]
**63.Bxe6** 1.60/24
[ 63.Bh4++- 3.61/24 is more deadly. g5 64.Bg3 ]
**63...Kxe6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.48
**64.Bd4!**
**1-0**

**111** **C78**
□ **Liang,Awonder** **2613**
■ **Mikaelyan,A** **2502**
31st Chicago Open 2022 (8) 30.05.2022
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8**

(Diagram)

**10.a5!**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3!** Against Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Re1N** -0.01/25
[ 12.Be3± 0.37/27 feels stronger. Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0

16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**12...0-0= 13.Be3 exd4**

[ 13...Nxe4 14.d5± ]

**14.cxd4 Nb4**

[ 14...Nxe4? 15.d5+- ]

**15.Bg5 h6**

[ 15...Bxe4? 16.Rxe4 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nc3+- ]

**16.Bh4 c5**

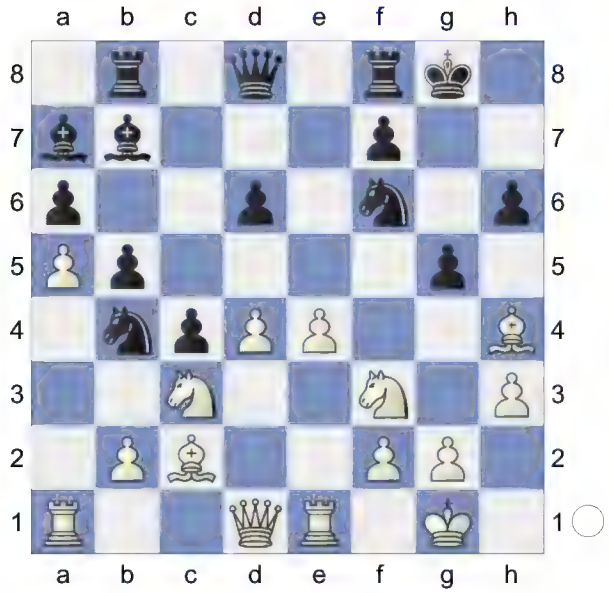
[ 16...Bxe4? 17.Rxe4 g5 18.Rf4 gxf4 19.Qd2+- ]

**17.Nc3 c4** 0.52/23

[ 17...Re8!= -0.01/27 ]

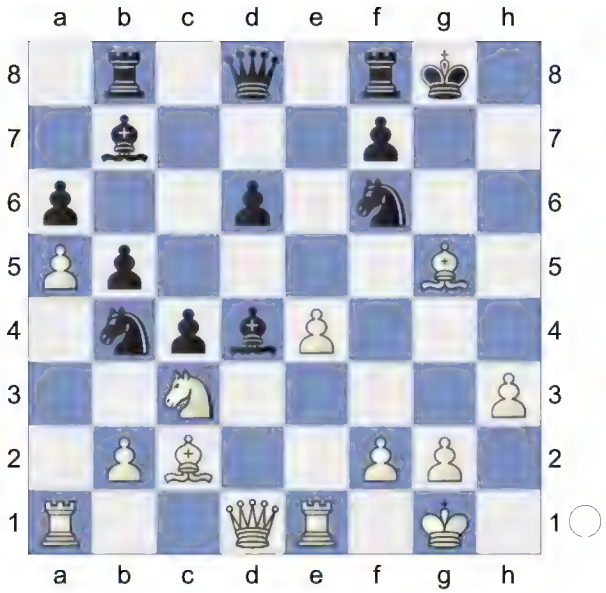
**18.Bc2± g5** 0.80/28

[ 18...Nxc2± 0.35/28 19.Qxc2 b4 ]



**19.Nxg5!± hxg5 20.Bxg5** Loses the game. **20...Bxd4** 2.01/27

(Diagram)



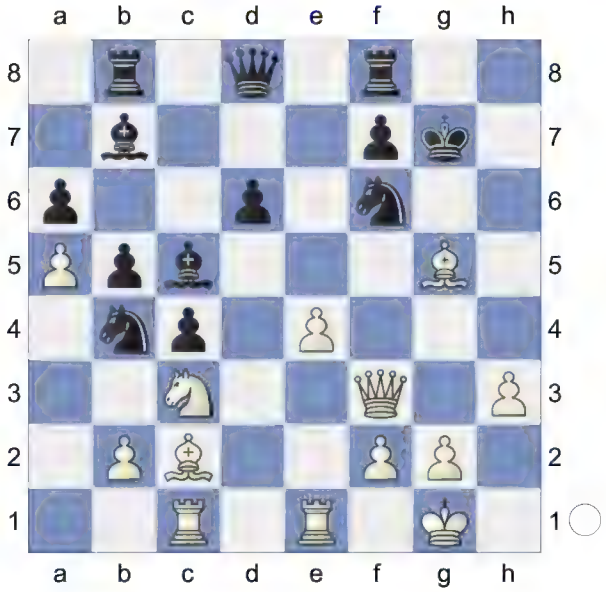
**21.Rc1!→** White has strong attack.

[ 21.Qxd4 Nxc2 22.Qd2 *( 22.Qxf6? Qxf6 23.Bxf6 Rfe8-+ )* 22...Nxe1 *( 22...Nxa1 23.Qf4= )* 23.Rxe1 Kg7± *( 23...b4 24.Qd4= )*]

**21...Bc5** 2.70/28

[ 21...Nd3± 1.58/26 22.Bxd3 cxd3 ]

**22.Qf3 Kg7**



**23.Nd5! Bxd5 24.exd5 Rh8 25.Re4 Nbxd5 26.Rg4** Pin **26...Kf8** Strongly threatening ...Rh5!. **27.Be4 Nxe4** 8.08/26

[ 27...Bxf2+ 2.23/26 28.Kh1 Be3

*( 28...Qe8? 29.Bxf6 Nxf6 Remove Defender 30.Qxf6+- )* 29.Bxd5 *( 29.Bxe3? Nxe3 30.Rf4 Neg4-+ Pin )* 29...Bxg5 30.Rxg5 Nxd5 31.Rxd5 *( 31.Qxd5 Qd7± )* 31...Qe7 ]

**28.Bxd8** White is clearly winning.

**28...Nxf2 29.Rh4 Nd3+ 30.Kh2 Rxh4 31.Bxh4 Nxc1 32.Qxd5 Nd3 33.Bf6 Ke8 34.Qc6+**

[ 34.b3 Nb4 35.Qe4+ Kd7 36.bxc4 Nc6+- ]

**34...Kf8 35.Qe4** Threatens to win with Be7+.

[ 35.Qxa6? too greedy. Nb4-+ ]

**35...d5 36.Qxd5 Be7 37.Bxe7+ Kxe7 38.Qc6 Rd8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.36

**39.Qxa6**

**1-0**

**112** **C78**

□ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2716**

■ **Royal,Shreyas** **2407**

FIDE Grand Swiss (4) 28.10.2023

*[Mon Hokmome]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6 11.h3 Re8 12.Re1 exd4**

[ 12...Rb8 13.a3 Na5 14.Ba2 exd4 15.Bxd4 Nc6 16.Bxb6 Rxb6 17.c4 b4 18.c5 dxc5 19.e5 Nh7 20.Ne4 Qxd1 21.Raxd1 b3 22.Bb1 c4 23.Nc3 Nf8 24.Be4 Ne7 25.Na4 Rb5 26.Nd4 Ra5 27.Nc3 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2731)-Grube,J (2793) Moscow 2015 CS: Giants of Power Play [Dragan Solak] ½-½ (44) ]

**13.cxd4 Nb4**

[ 13...Nxe4? 14.Nxe4 *( 14.Bd5 Nxd2 15.Nxd2 Bb7± )* 14...Rxe4 15.Bd5 Rxe3 16.Rxe3+- *( 16.fxe3 Qe8± )*]

[ 13...Na5 14.Bc2 Bb7 15.d5 c6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6 17.b4 Nc4 18.Nxc4 bxc4 19.dxc6 Bxc6 20.Qxd6 Rad8 21.Qf4 Qxb4 22.e5 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Qa5 24.Qf5 Rd5 25.Rab1 Rdxe5 26.Rxe5 Qxe5 27.Qxe5 Rxe5 28.Rb4 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 (2757)-Woerdemann,M (2732) New York 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S] ½-½ (43) ]

**14.d5N** -0.22/22

[ 14.Qe2± 0.41/20 c5 15.a3 *( 15.d5 c4* 9) Archangel with 9.Be3 − 1-Archangel with 9.Be3 − 11.R *)* 15...c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.Qd3 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Bf5 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Nfd2 Bg6 21.Qc3 Rc8 22.Qxc8 Qxc8 23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Nxe8+ Kh7 25. Ruy Lopez Arkhangelsk II:,8-9. Be3 O-O 10.Nbd2 h6 11. h3 R ]

[ 14.Qb1 c5 15.a3 Nc6 16.e5 cxd4 17.Bxh6 Nxe5 18.Rxe5 Rxe5 19.Qg6 Qf8 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Nf3 e4 22.Ng5 Be6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Nxe6 Qf7 25. Ruy Lopez Arkhangelsk II:,8-9.Be3 O-O 10.Nbd2 h6 11. h3 R ]

**14...c5**

[ 14...Nd3!? 15.Re2 Nh5= ]

**15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.Nf1 Be6** 0.19/22

[ 16...Rxe4 17.Bd5 Rxe3 18.Nxe3± ]

[ 16...Ba5 -0.12/20 is more appropriate. 17.Re2 Rxe4 ]

**17.Ng3= Bxb3 18.axb3**

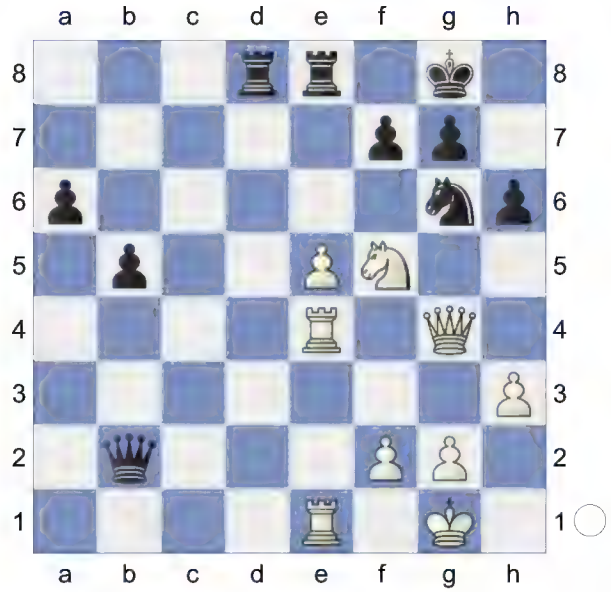
[ 18.Qxb3!? Rc8 19.Bxb6 Qxb6 20.Rad1= ]

**18...Bxe3 19.Rxe3 d5 20.e5 Nd7 21.Qe2 d4 22.Re4 Nf8** 0.46/20

[ 22...Nc5 23.Rg4 g6 24.Rc1± ]

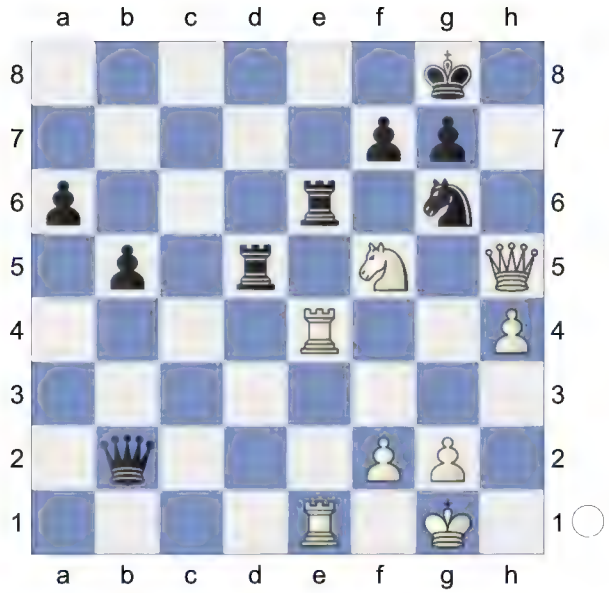
[ 22...d3!= 0.03/22 was preferrable.

23.Qe3 Qb6 ]
**23.Nf5± Ng6** 1.13/25
[ 23...d3± 0.46/20 24.Qe3 Qd5 ]
**24.N3xd4±** &Bianco is more active.
**24...Nxd4 25.Nxd4**
[ 25.Rxd4 is interesting. Qg5 26.Qe4 Rad8 27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.Rxa6 Rxe5 29.Ra8 ]
**25...Qd5 26.Re1 Rad8 27.Nf5**
[ 27.e6? f5 28.Nxf5 *( 28.e7? Rd6-+ )* 28...Qxf5-+ ]
**27...Qxb3 28.Qg4** h3-h4 is the strong threat. **28...Qxb2**



**29.h4!** aiming for h4-h5. **29...h5** 2.39/21
[ 29...Qb3 1.89/22 was called for. 30.h5 Qe6 ]
**30.Qxh5+- Rd5 31.e6 Rxe6**

(Diagram)

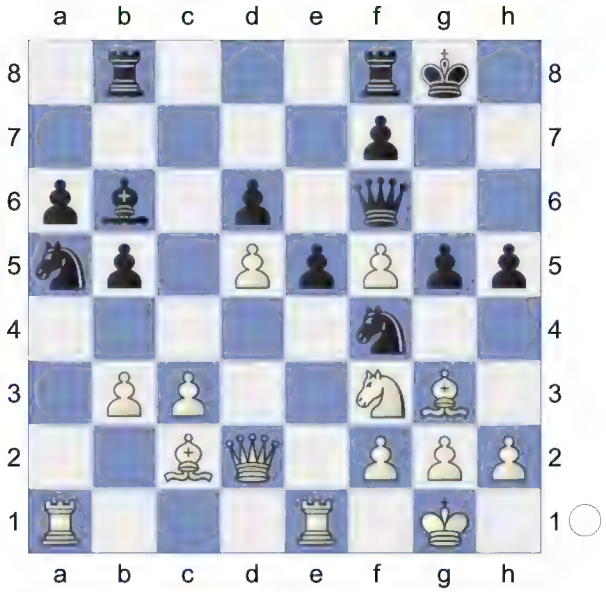


**32.Nh6+!** Discovered Attack **32...gxh6**
**33.Qxd5 Rf6** 4.14/24
[ 33...Nf4 2.59/22 was worth a try. 34.Qa8+ *( 34.Rxf4 Rxe1+ 35.Kh2 Rh1+ 36.Kg3 Qc3+ 37.Kg4 Qc7= )* 34...Kh7 35.Rxe6 Nxe6 36.Qxa6 Qb4 ]
**34.Qc5 Nf4?** 5.25/25
[ 34...Kh7 2.77/25 35.R4e2 Qb3 ]
**35.Re8+ Kh7 36.Qf8 Nh3+** #10/22
[ 36...Qxf2++- 5.04/22 37.Kxf2 Ng6+ 38.Ke3 Nxf8 39.Rxf8 Kg7 ]
**37.Kh2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.47
[Worse is 37.gxh3 Qxf2+ 38.Kh1 Qf3+ 39.Kh2 Qf2+ 40.Kh1 Qf3+ 41.Kh2 Qf2+ 42.Kh1= ]
**1-0**

**113** **C78**
□ **Sethuraman,S P** **2602**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2471**
Uralsk op (3) 22.07.2023
*[Kitty Kat]*

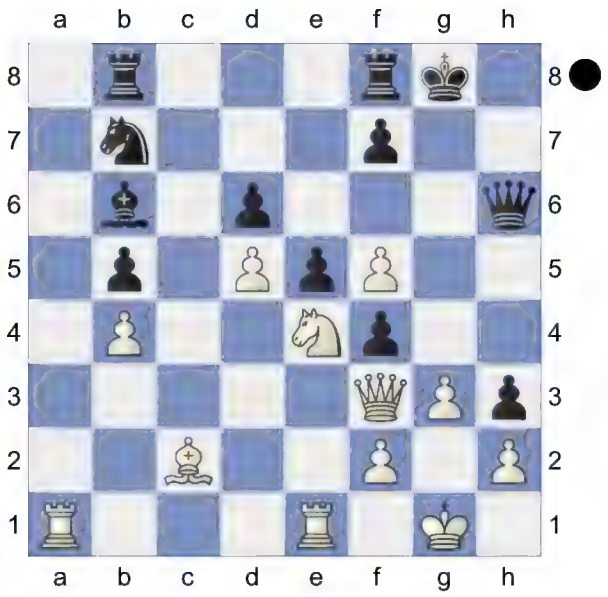
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3** 7.a4 is more fashionable.7.a4 ist modischer. **7...d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Re1N**
[ 9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana, F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**9...0-0 10.Bg5 Rb8 11.Qd3N** -0.01/22
[Vorgänger: 11.h3 Qe7 0.67/20 *( 11...Re8=* 0.29/20 *)* 12.a4± h6 13.Bh4 Kh8 1.07/19 *( 13...b4±* 0.65/19 deserves consideration.*)* 14.axb5± axb5 15.Bd5 0.50/21 *( 15.Na3±* 0.87/20 *)* 15...Nd8 16.Nbd2 g5 17.dxe5 -0.56/23 *( 17.Bg3±* 0.52/23 *)* 17...Nxd5∓ 18.Nxg5? -3.44/21 0-1 Lepkasov,V (2173)-Nozdrachev,V (2443) Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 3rd 2011 (1) *( 18.Bxg5∓* -0.37/21 *hxg5 19.exd5 )*]
[ 11.Na3± 0.36/21 ]
**11...h6= 12.Bh4 Qe7** 0.77/20
[ 12...g5= 0.01/20 13.Bg3 Nh5 ]
**13.Nbd2± Na5 14.Bc2** 0.15/20
[ 14.Bd1± 0.74/19 ]
**14...c5= 15.d5** -0.07/21
[White should play 15.Nf1!± 0.59/21 ]
**15...c4 16.Qe2 g5 17.Bg3 Nh5 18.Nf1 Nf4 19.Qd2 Kh8** 0.28/22
[ ⌓19...Qf6 -0.19/21 ]
**20.Ne3 Kg8** 0.98/21
[ 20...Rg8± 0.38/21 ]
**21.Nf5**
[ 21.Bxf4 simplifies gxf4 22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.exf5 Qf6 24.g3 ]
**21...Qf6** 1.18/22
[ ⌓21...Bxf5 0.79/23 22.exf5 Qf6 ]
**22.b4** 0.34/22
[ 22.Bxf4± 1.18/22 gxf4 23.g3 ]
**22...cxb3!± 23.axb3 Bxf5 24.exf5** This move loses the game for Black.
**24...h5?** 4.02/22
[Black should play 24...Rfe8± 0.54/21 ]




**25.Qd1** 2.22/22
[ ⌓25.h4 4.02/22 ]
**25...h4+- 26.Bxf4 gxf4** 4.25/22
[ 26...exf4 1.74/24 27.Nd2 Bd8 ]
**27.Nd2 Qh6 28.Ne4 h3 29.g3 Nb7 30.b4** Wards off Nc5
[Less strong is 30.Rxa6 Nc5± ]
**30...a5 31.Qf3 axb4 32.cxb4**

(Diagram)



Black must now prevent Ra6. **32...Bd4 33.Ra6** White is clearly winning. **33...Rbc8 34.Rc6 Ra8 35.Kh1 Ra2 36.f6 Nd8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.61

**37.Rc8**

**1-0**

**114** **C78**

□ **Adams,Michael** **2752**

■ **Erdos,V** **2658**

19th European Teams (8.5) 16.11.2013

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d3**

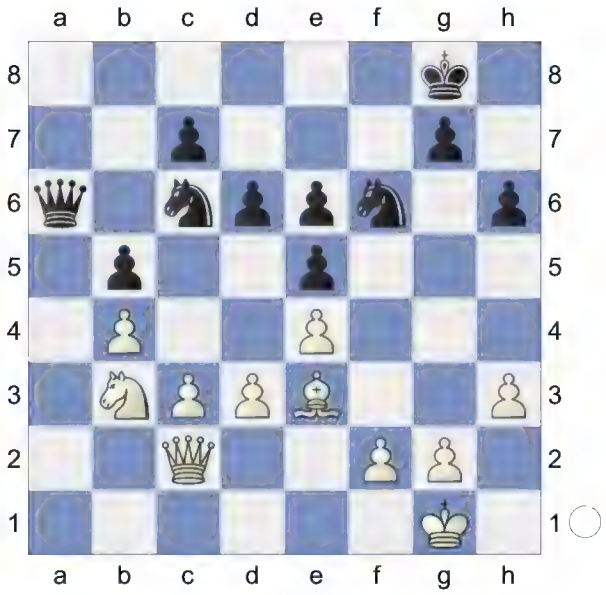
[ 8.Nd5 Nxe4 9.d3 Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 12.Re1 h6 13.Bh4 Bb7 14.c3 Rfe8 15.d4 e4 16.Nd2 Na5 17.Bc2 g5 18.Bg3 Nc4 19.Nxc4 bxc4 20.b3 Bd5 21.Be5 d6 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 0-1 (60) Buchicchio,G (2786)-Hantel,T (2808) RLPF-ch U13 Wolfstein 1994 (2) ]

[ 8.a4 b4 9.Nd5 Nxe4 10.d3 Nf6 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Re1 h6 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bf4 d6 16.d4 Rd8 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Qe2 e4 19.Qc4 c5 20.Be3 Be6 21.Qxc5 Qxc5 22.Bxc5 Bxb3 ½-½ (40) Moiseenko,A (2673)-Ronneland,D (2690) USSR Ch., (Game 48) 2004 (8) ]

**8...d6 9.Nd5N**

[ 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nd5 Qd8 12.c3 Ba7 13.a4 b4 14.h3 bxc3 15.bxc3 Rb8 16.a5 Ne7 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Bc4 c6 19.Qa4 Qc7 20.Rab1 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 d5 22.Ba2 Be6 8.♘b3 00 9.f4 ♗e6 10.g4-Bajoni,L Abu Dhabi Masters op 2001 ]

**9...h6** Prevents Bg5. **10.a4 Rb8** The position is equal. **11.axb5 axb5 12.Be3 Nxd5 13.Bxc5 Nf6 14.Be3 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.c3 Qd7 17.b4 Ra8 18.Qc2 Rfb8 19.h3 Qc8 20.Nd2 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Ra8 22.Ra2 Ra6 23.Nb3 Qa8 24.Rxa6 Qxa6**

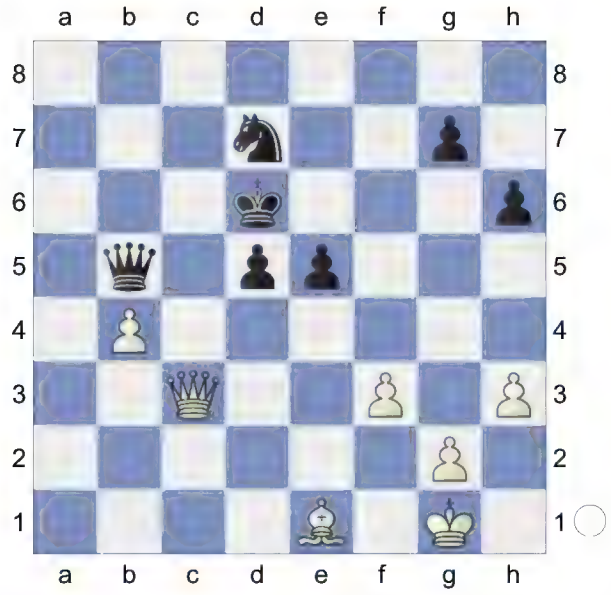


**25.Na5! Kf7**

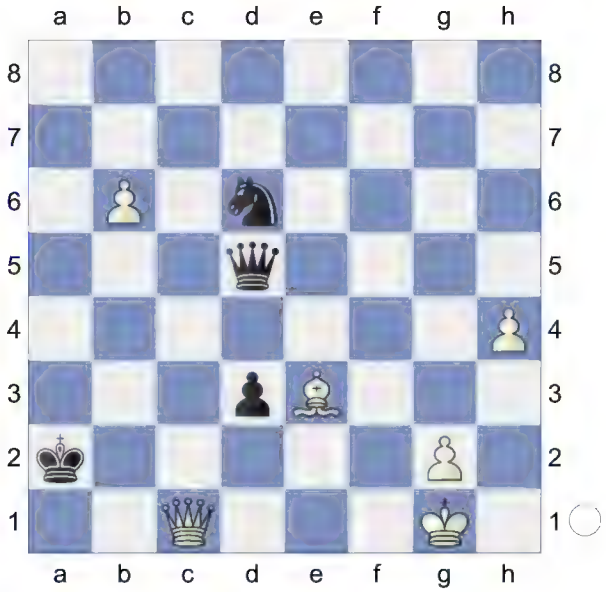
[ 25...Nxa5 26.Qa2± ]

**26.Nxc6 Qxc6=** Endgame KQB-KQN

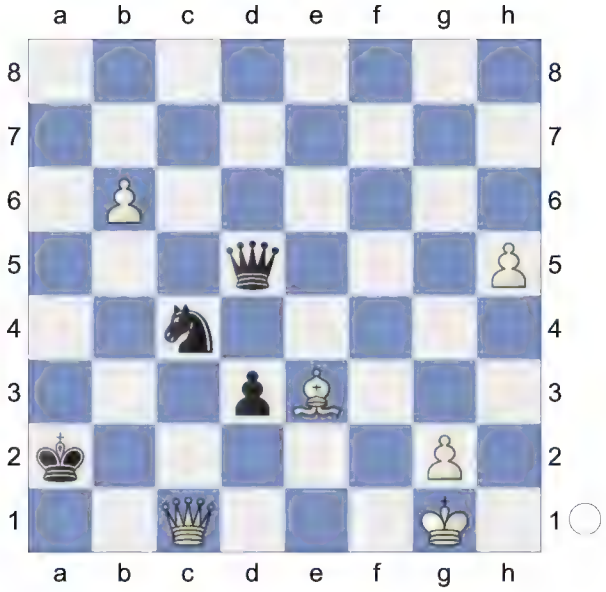
**27.f3 Ke7 28.c4 bxc4 29.dxc4 Qa6 30.c5 Nd7 31.cxd6+ cxd6 32.Bf2 Qb5** 0.84/23
[ 32...d5!± 0.37/23 is more appropriate. ]
**33.Qc3** 0.21/20
[ 33.Qc8± 0.84/23 ]
**33...d5 34.Be1 Kd6 35.exd5 exd5**



**36.f4! d4 37.Qf3 exf4** Remove Defender **38.Qxf4+ Qe5 39.Qf1 Qd5 40.Qd3 Nf8 41.b5 Ne6 42.Qa3+! Ke5?** 3.89/20
[ 42...Nc5!± 0.69/22 ]
**43.Qb2?** 0.61/22
[ 43.Qe7+- 3.89/20 Qb3 44.Kh2 ]
**43...Nc5± 44.Bf2 Qc4?** 3.28/22
[ 44...Nb3± 0.84/22 ]
**45.b6+- Nb7?** 5.72/24
[ 45...Qd5 2.90/21 was necessary. 46.Kh1 Nb7 ]
**46.Qa3 Ke6** Dodges Qe7+ **47.Qf8** Qg8+ would now be deadly. **47...Qd5 48.Qxg7 d3 49.Qxh6+ Kd7 50.Be3 Nd6 51.Qh7+ Kc6 52.Qc7+ Kb5 53.Qd7+ Kc4 54.Qa4+ Kc3 55.Qa3+ Kc2 56.Qc1+ Kb3 57.Qb1+ Kc3 58.Qc1+** -0.01/23
[ 58.Qa1++- 6.38/25 Kb4 59.Qb2+ Ka5 60.Bd4 ]
**58...Kb3!= 59.h4 Ka2**



**60.h5! Nc4**
[ 60...Qe4 61.Qd2+ ]



**61.b7! d2**
[ 61...Qxb7 62.Qxc4+ ]
**62.Qc2+**
[ 62.b8B Nxe3 *( 62...d1Q+? 63.Qxd1 Qxd1+ 64.Kf2-+ )*]
[ 62.b8Q dxc1Q+ 63.Bxc1 Qxh5± ]
[ 62.Bxd2 Qd4+ 63.Kf1 *( 63.Be3 Nxe3 64.Kf2 Nxg2+ 65.Kf3 Nh4+*

*66.Ke2 Qg4+ 67.Kd3 Qf5+ 68.Kd4 Nf3+ 69.Ke3 Qg5+ 70.Kxf3 Qxh5+ 71.Kg3 Qe5+ 72.Kf2 Qf5+ 73.Kg3 Qg6+ 74.Kh4 Qh7+ 75.Kg3 Qg6+ 76.Kh4 Qh7+ 77.Kg3 Qxb7= )*
63...Nxd2+± ]

**62...Ka3 63.Qc3+**

[ 63.b8B? d1Q+ *( 63...d1R+? 64.Kh2-+ )* 64.Qxd1 Qxd1+-+ ]

[ 63.Bxd2 Qd4+ 64.Kf1 *( 64.Kh1 Qh4+ 65.Kg1 Qd4+ 66.Kf1 Nxd2+±; 64.Be3 Nxe3 65.Qc1+ Ka2= )*
64...Nxd2++- ]

**63...Ka2**

**64.Bxd2!** Threatening mate with Qc2+. Promotion **64...Nxd2**

[ 64...Ne3 65.Qa5+ ]

**65.b8Q Nf3+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.52

**66.Kf2**

[ Less strong is 66.gxf3 Qd1+± ]

**1-0**

**115** **C78**

□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2751**

■ **Godena,Michele** **2501**

43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (2.2) 25.09.18

*[TA]*

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d3 h6** C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **9.Nd5 d6 10.c3**

[ 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Na5 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Bd5 c6 14.Nd4 Qg5 15.Nxc6 Nxc6 16.Bxc6 Qxe3+ 1/2-1/2 (32) Anand,V (2760)-Mamedyarov,S (2808) Stavanger 2018 ]

**10...Rb8 11.d4 Ba7 12.Be3 Nxd5** LiveBook: 8 Games **13.Bxd5 exd4 14.cxd4 Ne7 15.Bb3 Bg4 16.Rc1 Rc8N 17.h3 Bh5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Bc2 Bh7**

[ 19...Re8= ]

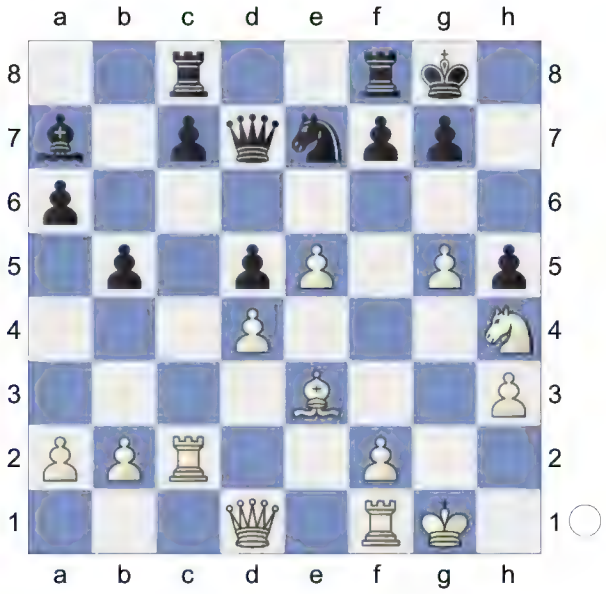
**20.g5!± h5 21.Nh4!↑** White is really pushing. **21...d5 22.e5!**

[ 22.Qxh5 Bxe4 23.Qg4 g6= ]

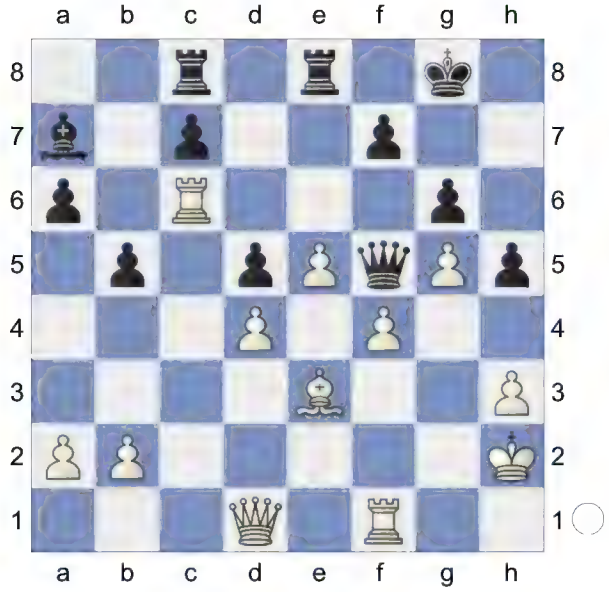
**22...Bxc2 23.Rxc2**

[Much worse is 23.Qxc2 c5∓ ]

**23...Qd7**



**24.Kh2! g6**
[ 24...Ng6± was called for. 25.Nxg6 *( 25.Qxh5 c5± )* 25...fxg6 ]
**25.f4+- Nf5?**
[ 25...c5 is a better chance. ]
**26.Nxf5 Qxf5 27.Rc6 Rfe8**



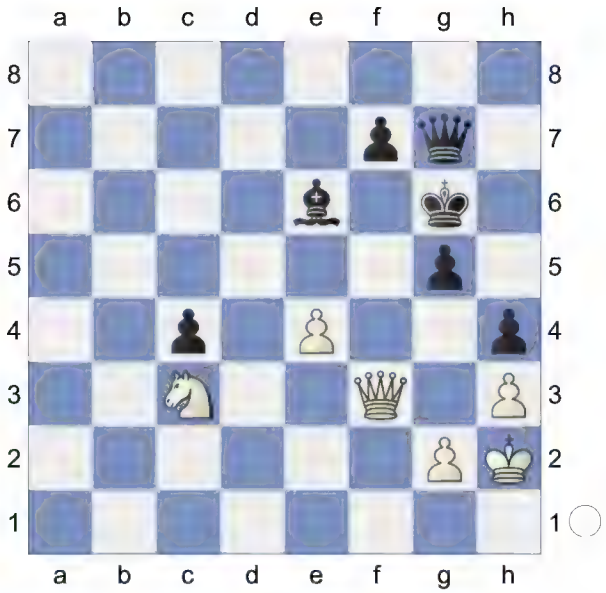
and the idea ...Re6 leaves Black hopeful.
**28.Rf6! Qe4 29.f5**
[ ⌓29.Re1 ]
**29...Qxe3 30.fxg6 Bxd4 31.gxf7+ Kg7 32.fxe8N+**
[ 32.fxe8Q Rxe8 33.Rf7+ *( 33.Qxh5 Bxe5+ 34.Kh1 Bxf6± )* 33...Kg8+- ]
**32...Rxe8 33.Rf7+**
[Weaker is 33.Qxh5 Bxe5+ 34.Kh1 Bxf6= ]
**33...Kg8 34.Qxh5 Bxe5+ 35.Kh1 Qe4+ 36.Qf3 c5 37.Rd7 Bxb2 38.Rxd5 Qxf3+ 39.Rxf3** Endgame KRR-KRB **39...c4 40.Rc5 c3** intending ...Re2. **41.Rf2 b4 42.h4 Bc1?**
[ 42...a5 43.Rxa5 Rc8 ]
**43.h5 Bd2 44.h6**
[ ⌓44.Rf6 ]
**44...Re7?**
[ 44...Be3 45.Re2 Bxc5 46.Rxe8+ Kh7 ]
**45.Kg2 Kh7 46.Rxd2?**
[ 46.Rff5+- ]
**46...cxd2= 47.Rd5** Precision: White = 65%, Black = 35%.
½-½

**116** **C78**
□ **Davtyan,Arsen** **2402**
■ **Pichot,Alan** **2587**
Dubai op-A 25th (7) 02.06.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6 11.h3 Re8 12.Re1 Rb8N** seems to push 12...exd4 aside.setzt sich inzwischen gegen 12...exd4 durch.
[ 12...exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Qf7 26.Nb7 Qxb7 27.Rxf4 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**13.a4 Bd7 14.dxe5N** White is slightly better.
[ 14.axb5 axb5 15.Qb1 b4 0.48/20 *( 15...Nh5=* 0.12/22 *)* 16.Qa2 Qe7 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Bxb6 Rxb6 20.Nc4 ½-½ (100) Kobo,O (2449)-Chigaev,M (2588) PNWCC Online blitz JP 17th 2020 (6) ]
**14...Nxe5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Qe2 Qe7 18.Red1 Red8 19.Nf1 c5** 0.38/24
[ 19...b4= -0.01/23 is superior. ]
**20.Bc2 c4 21.Bxb6 Rxb6 22.Ra7 Rd6**

**23.Ne3 Qe6 24.Rxd6 Qxd6 25.Ra1 Be6 26.Rd1 Qc7 27.Qe1 g6 28.Rd2** -0.55/22
[ 28.Rxd8+= -0.08/23 Qxd8 29.h4 ]
**28...Kg7** -0.15/21
[ 28...Ra8∓ -0.55/22 ]
**29.Qd1** -0.73/22
[ 29.Rxd8= -0.15/21 keeps the balance. Qxd8 30.Kh2 ]
**29...Rxd2** -0.09/20
[ Black should try 29...Ra8∓ -0.73/22 ]
**30.Qxd2= Qa7 31.Kh2 Qb6 32.Kg1 Qc6 33.Qe1 h5 34.Nf1 Qc5 35.Nd2 b4 36.cxb4 Qxb4 37.Qc1 Nd7 38.Nb1** -0.68/23
[ 38.Bd1!= -0.03/24 ]
**38...Nc5↑** Black has the initiative. Black is more active. White does not recover from this. **39.Qe3?** -6.18/28
[ 39.Kh1∓ -0.63/21 ]
**39...Qxb2-+ 40.Qxc5**

aiming for Na3. **40...Qc1+**
[ 40...Qxc2? 41.Qxe5+ f6 42.Qxe6∓ *( 42.Qc7+? Bf7-+ )*]
**41.Kh2 Qxc2 42.Qxe5+** Endgame KQB-KQN **42...Kh7 43.Nc3 Qxf2 44.Nb5 h4 45.Nc3 Qe3 46.Nd1 Qh6 47.Qf6 g5 48.Qf3 Qg7 49.Nc3 Kg6**

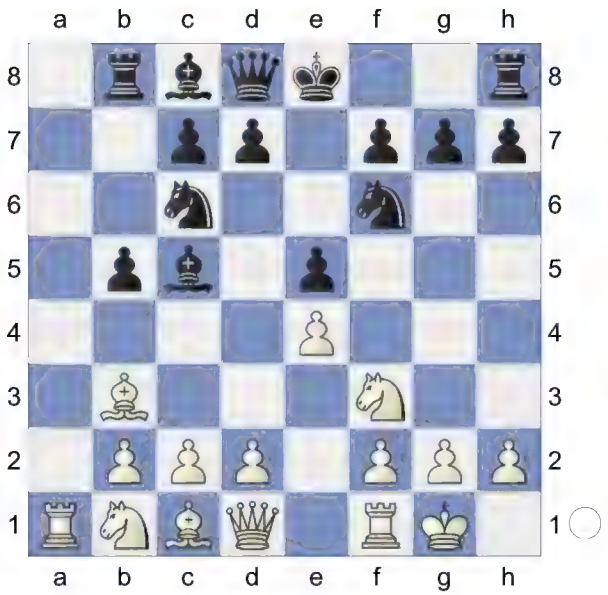


**50.Kg1 Qd4+ 51.Kh2 Qf6 52.Qe3 Qf4+ 53.Qxf4 gxf4** KB-KN. Black is a pawn up. **54.Ne2 Kf6** Strongly threatening ...Ke5. **55.Nxf4 Ke5 56.g3 Kxe4** ( -> ...Kf3) **57.Ne2 Kf3 58.Nd4+ Ke3 59.Nb5 hxg3+ 60.Kxg3 f5 61.Nc3 f4+ 62.Kg2 Kd3 63.Na4 Bd5+ 64.Kf2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.27 (precise)
**64...c3**
**0-1**

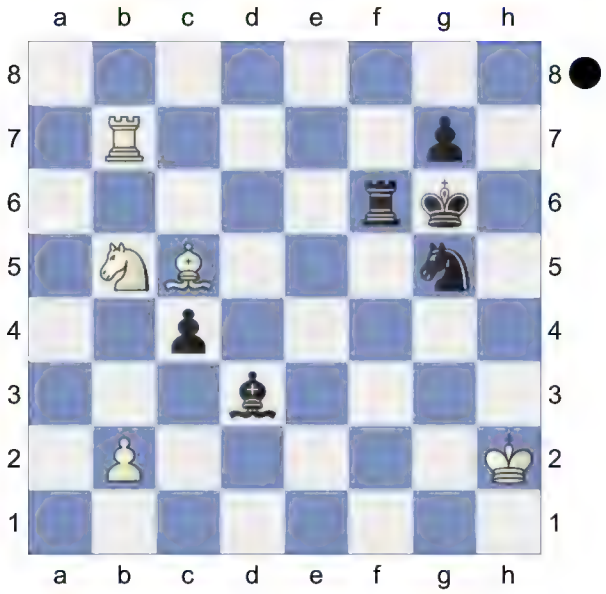
**117** **C78**
□ **Polgar,Judit** **2705**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2760**
4th London Chess Classic (5.3) 06.12.12
*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5**

(Diagram)



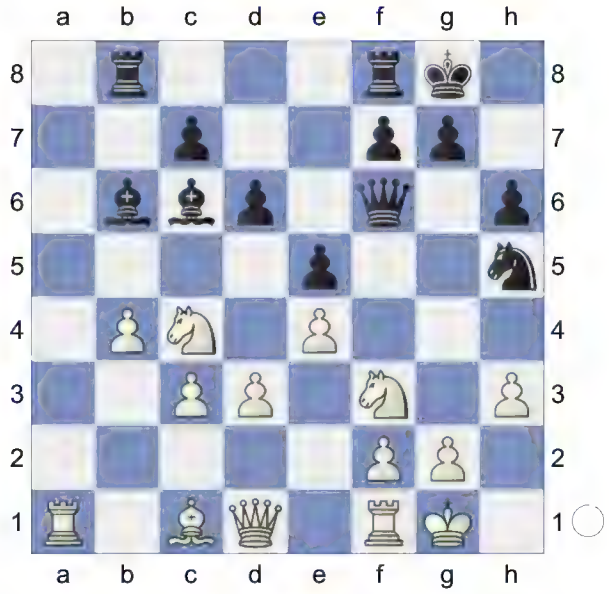
**9.Nxe5!** Remove Defender, Deflection
**9...Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4** The position is equal. **11...d6 12.f4**
[ 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bg4 26.Nd4 Qb6 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**12...Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7! 14.Nd2N** Hoping for e5.
[ 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 ]
**14...0-0 15.e5 Nfd5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Qd4 Bb7 18.Ne4 f5 19.Ng5 Qd7** Dodges Ne6 **20.Nf3 Ra8 21.Bd2 c5 22.Qd3 c4 23.Qd4 dxe5 24.Nxe5 Qc7 25.Rfd1 h6 26.Be1 Rfe8 27.Bd2 Red8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.h3 Ra2 30.Rb1 Nf6 31.Bb4** -1.42/23
[ 31.Re1∓ -0.53/25 ]
**31...Be4∓ 32.Re1 Bxc2 33.g4** -2.10/23
[ 33.Ng6∓ -1.03/23 Be4 34.Kh2 ]
**33...Qa7** -0.70/24
[ 33...Ra6-+ -2.10/23 And now ...Be4 would win. 34.Re2 *( 34.g5 hxg5 35.fxg5 Ne4-+ )* 34...Bd3 35.Nxd3 cxd3 36.Qxd3 Qxf4 *( 36...fxg4 37.Qxb5 Ra1+ 38.Re1∓ )*]
**34.Qxa7!∓ Rxa7 35.Nc6 Ra6 36.Ne7+ Kf7 37.g5 hxg5 38.fxg5 Ne4 39.Nxf5 Nxg5 40.Re7+ Kg6 41.Nd4 Bd3**
[ 41...Nxh3+ 42.Kh2 Ra2 *( 42...c3? 43.Bxc3 b4 44.Bxb4+- )* 43.Kxh3 *( 43.Nxc2 Rxb2± )* 43...Bf5+ 44.Kg3+- *( 44.Nxf5 Kxf5 45.Bc3 b4+- )*]
**42.Rb7 Nxh3+ 43.Kh2 Ng5 44.Nxb5 Rf6 45.Bc5** -1.77/25
[ Better is 45.Nc3∓ -0.49/21 ]



Repels Rf2+ **45...Rf4!-+ 46.Nc3?** -10.65/24
[ 46.Be3 -1.65/24 Rh4+ 47.Kg1 ]
**46...Rg4 47.Nd1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.09 (flawless)
**47...Bf1**
**0-1**

**118** **C78**
□ **Edouard,Romain** **2527**
■ **Vernay,Clovis** **2499**
FRA-chT Top 16 GpA (2.2) 02.06.2023
*[Kitty Kat]*

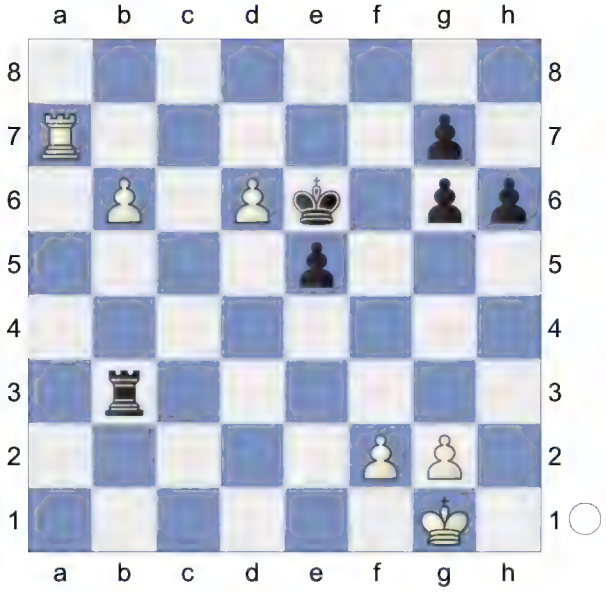
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.a4 Rb8!** is recently more successful than 8...Bg7.ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8...Lg7. **9.axb5 axb5 10.c3N**
[ 10.h3 h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Ne2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ke7 17.Qe1 Rhg8 18.Qh4 Rg6 19.Rxf6 1-0 Gregersen,E (1894)-Saliba,K (1570) Reykjavik op 2023 (1) ]
**10...Bb6N** 0.56/19
[ 10...0-0 11.d4 -0.32/22 *( 11.Re1=* 0.09/23 *)* 11...Bb6 ]
[ 10...0-0= 0.09/22 deserves consideration. ]
[ 10...h6 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 Bb6 13.Be3 d5 *( 13...Bxe3 14.Nxe3 b4 15.Qc2 bxc3 16.bxc3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Nb4* Akopian,V (2712)-Cheparinov,I (2678) Jermuk 106/(95) 2009*)* 14.Bxb6 Rxb6 15.Re1 Re8 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.d4 e4 18.Nd2 Nf6 19.f3 exf3 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 21.Qxf3 David,A (2587)-Colovic,A (2443) France 106/(95) 2009 ]
**11.h3** 0.12/21
[ 11.Na3± 0.56/19 ]
**11...h6 12.Na3 Bd7** 1.06/20
[ 12...Na7= 0.25/21 keeps the balance. ]
**13.Nxb5± Na5** 1.41/23
[ ⌓13...Bxf2+ 0.99/22 14.Rxf2 Rxb5 ]
**14.Ba4 0-0 15.b4 Nc6 16.Na3 Nh5** 1.99/20
[ 16...Ne7± 1.28/20 was worth a try. 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 ]
**17.Nc4+- Qf6?** 3.85/22
[ 17...Nf6 1.97/18 18.Qb3 Qe7 ]
**18.Bxc6 Bxc6**



**19.Nfxe5!** Discovered Attack **19...dxe5 20.Qxh5 Rfe8 21.Be3 Rbd8 22.Qe2 Bb5 23.Rfd1 Bxe3 24.Nxe3** White is clearly winning.
[Not 24.Qxe3 Qc6 25.Na3 Ba4+- ]
**24...Qg6 25.Nd5 Bd7 26.Nxc7 Bxh3 27.Qf3 Bg4**

**28.Qg3 Bxd1 29.Qxg6**

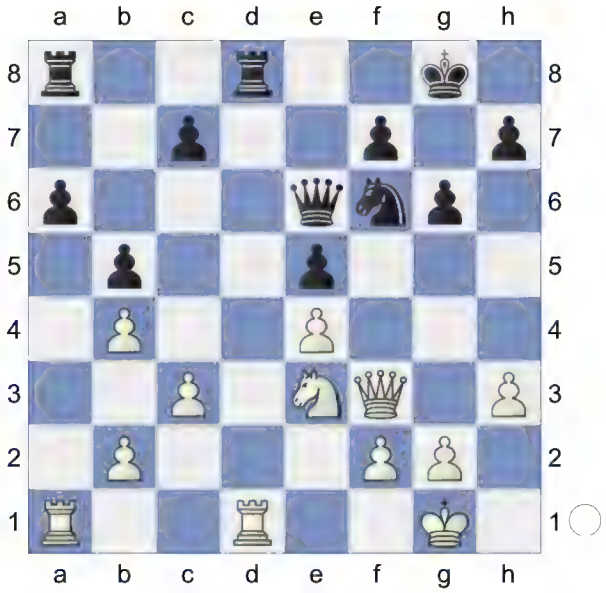
[ 29.Rxd1 Qxg3 30.fxg3 Re7± ]
**29...fxg6 30.Nxe8** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **30...Bc2 31.Nc7 Rxd3 32.Nd5 Bb3 33.b5 Bxd5 34.exd5 Rxc3 35.b6 Rb3 36.d6 Kf7 37.Ra7+** Skewer **37...Ke6**



Predecessor:. White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.40
**38.d7!** Loss on time!?
[ 38.Rxg7 Rxb6 39.Rxg6+ Kf5 40.Rxh6 Kg5± ]
**0-1**

**119** **C78**
□ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2727**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2701**
19th TCh-RUS 2012 (5) 13.04.2012
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 Bg4N**
[ 9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**10.Nbd2 0-0 11.h3 Bh5** White has an edge. **12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qe2 Qe7** 0.59/20
[ 13...Bxe3= 0.17/20 14.Qxe3 Re8 ]
**14.Rfd1** 0.04/22
[ 14.Bxb6± 0.59/20 cxb6 15.Bd5 ]
**14...Bxe3= 15.Qxe3** With the idea g4. **15...Na5 16.Nf1 Nxb3 17.axb3 Qe6 18.b4 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Rfd8 20.Ne3 g6**

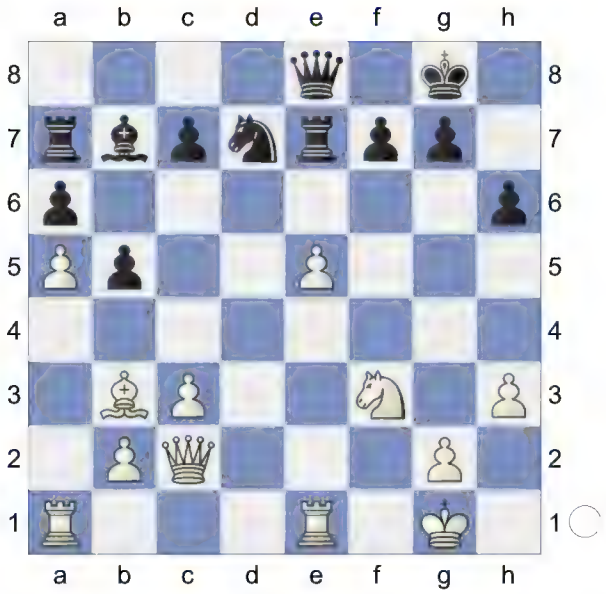


**21.b3** -0.01/23 **Kg7 22.c4 Rxd1+** The position is equal. **23.Rxd1 bxc4 24.bxc4 Rb8 25.Nd5 c6 26.Nxf6 Qxf6 27.Qxf6+ Kxf6** Endgame KR-KR **28.Rd6+ Ke7 29.Rxc6 Rxb4 30.Rxa6 Rxc4 31.Ra7+ Ke6 32.Ra6+ Ke7 33.Ra7+ Ke6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
**34.Ra6+**
**½-½**

**120** **C78**
□ **Grischuk,A** **2757**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2713**
27th ECC Rogaska Slatina SLO (7.1)
*[Kitty Kat]*

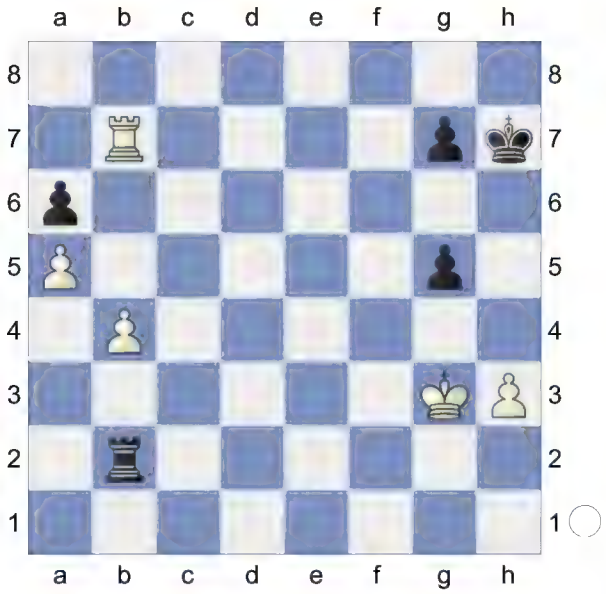
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3** Prevents Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...Ra8N**
[ 12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**13.Nbd2 Re8 14.Re1 h6 15.Qc2 Bb7 16.dxe5! Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5** 1.09/23
[ 17...dxe5± 0.43/24 18.Bxa7 Rxa7 ]
**18.Bxa7± Rxa7 19.f4 Re7 20.e5! Qe8** 2.11/23
[ 20...Nd7± 1.02/22 ]
**21.Nf3!+- dxe5**
[ 21...Bxf3 22.Qf2 dxe5 *( 22...Bxg2? 23.exf6 gxf6 24.Rxe7+- )* 23.Qxa7 ]
**22.fxe5 Nd7** 2.85/21
[ 22...Bxf3?! 23.Qf2 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 *( 24.gxf3? c5-+ )* 24...Qxe5 25.Qxa7± ]
[ 22...Nh7± 1.58/22 ]



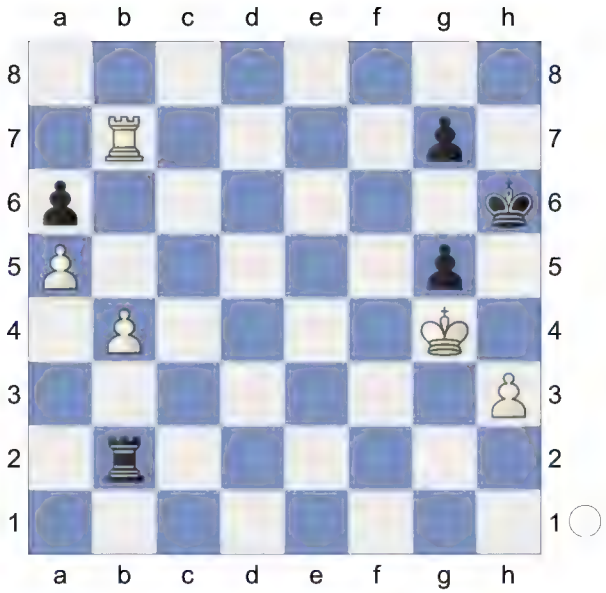
**23.e6** 1.54/24 **fxe6± 24.Qf5 Kh8** 1.65/27
[ 24...Nf8± 1.25/26 ]
**25.Rxe6+- Rxe6 26.Bxe6**
[ 26.Qxe6 Ra8± ]
**26...Nf6 27.Nd4** 0.29/23
[Better is 27.Ne5± 1.37/25 Be4 28.Nf7+ Qxf7 29.Qxe4 ]
**27...Be4= 28.Qe5 Qg6 29.g4** Active counter play! **29...Ra8 30.Rf1 Re8! 31.Qxc7** 0.01/20
[ 31.b4!± 0.44/23 ]
**31...Qg5! 32.Qf4 Qc5 33.Kh2 b4 34.Bf7⇄** White is fighting back **34...Rc8 35.Ne6 Qe7**
[ 35...Qxa5?! 36.Nxg7 Qc7 37.Ne6± *( 37.cxb4? Qxf4+ 38.Rxf4 Rc2+*

*39.Kg3 Kxg7-+ )*]
**36.g5! Qxf7 37.Qxe4 Nxe4**
[ 37...hxg5 simplifies 38.Nxg5 Nxe4 39.Nxf7+ Kg8 ]
**38.Rxf7 Nxg5** Endgame KRN-KRN
**39.Rc7**
[ 39.Rxg7? bxc3 *( 39...Nxe6? 40.Rb7-+ )* 40.bxc3 Nxe6-+ ]
**39...Re8** 0.82/27
[ 39...Rxc7= 0.10/29 40.Nxc7 Nf3+ 41.Kg3 bxc3 42.bxc3 *( 42.Kxf3? cxb2 43.Ke4 b1Q+-+ )* 42...Ne5 ]
**40.Nxg5±**
[ 40.Nxg7?! Rg8= *( 40...Re2+ 41.Kg3∓ )*]
**40...hxg5 41.cxb4** KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **41...Re2+ 42.Kg3 Rxb2 43.Rb7 Kh7**



**44.Kg4! Kh6**

(Diagram)

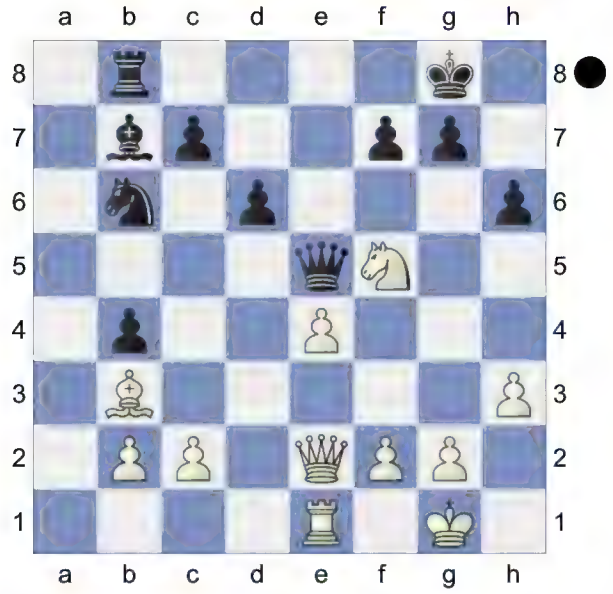


**45.Kf5!** Hoping for Rb8. Loses the game. **45...Rf2+?** 4.20/25
[ 45...Rb3± 0.96/27 ]
**46.Ke5+- Rf4** 4.82/27
[ ⌓46...Rf3 3.39/22 47.Rb6+ g6 ]
**47.Kd5 Kh5** 5.19/28
[ 47...Rh4 3.44/28 is a better defense. 48.Kc5 Kh7 ]
**48.Kc5!** White is clearly winning.
[Inferior is 48.Rxg7 Rxb4 49.Rh7+ Kg6= ]
**48...Kh4 49.Rxg7 Rf5+ 50.Kb6 Rf6+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.36
**51.Ka7**
**1-0**

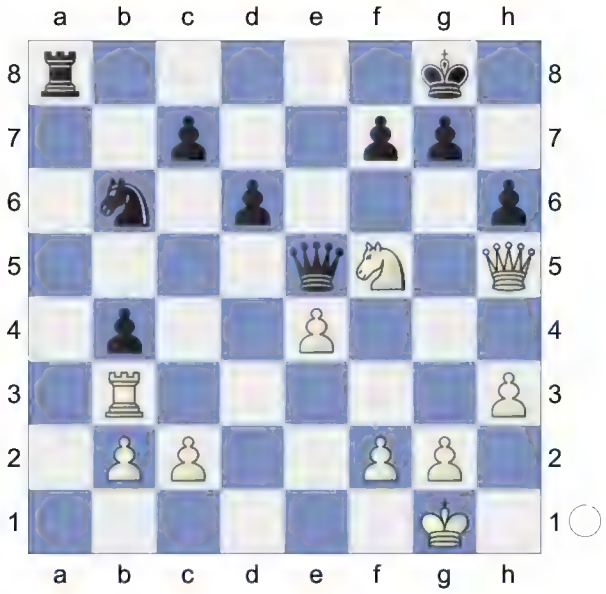
**121** **C78**
□ **Repp,Heinrich** **2510**
■ **Williamson,Harvey D** **2502**
ICCF GMN/A/08 email 27.12.2022
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5**

**6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1. 7) ]
**8.d3 0-0 9.Bg5N**
[ 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th_145686 1997 (3) ]
**9...h6 10.Bh4 Be7 11.axb5 axb5** White has an edge. **12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Na3 Na5 14.Ba2 b4 15.Nc4 Nxc4 16.Bxc4 d6 17.Qe2 Nd7 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Ra1 Rb8 20.h3 Bc6 21.Ra6 Nb6 22.Bb3 Bb7 23.Ra1 Qd8 24.Re1 Qe7** The position is equal. **25.d4 exd4 26.Nxd4 Qe5 27.Nf5**



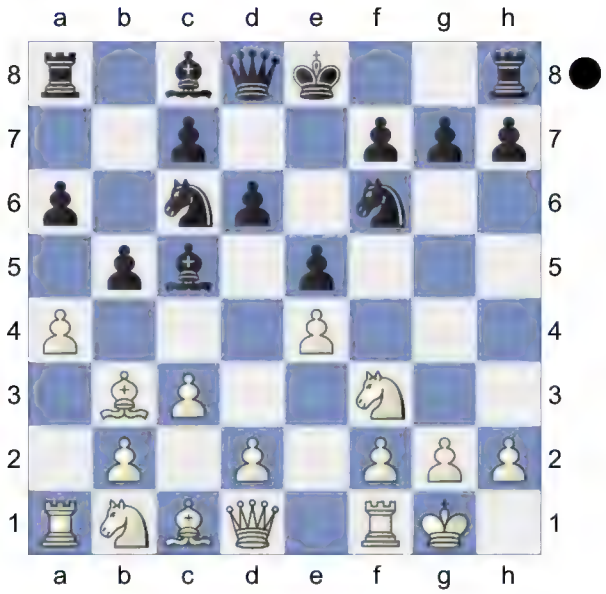
**Re8 28.Qh5 Bd5 29.Re3 Bxb3 30.Rxb3 Ra8!**
[ 30...Qxe4? 31.Nxh6+ *( 31.Re3 Qa8+- )* 31...gxh6 32.Rg3+ Kf8 33.Qxh6+ Ke7 34.Re3+- ]



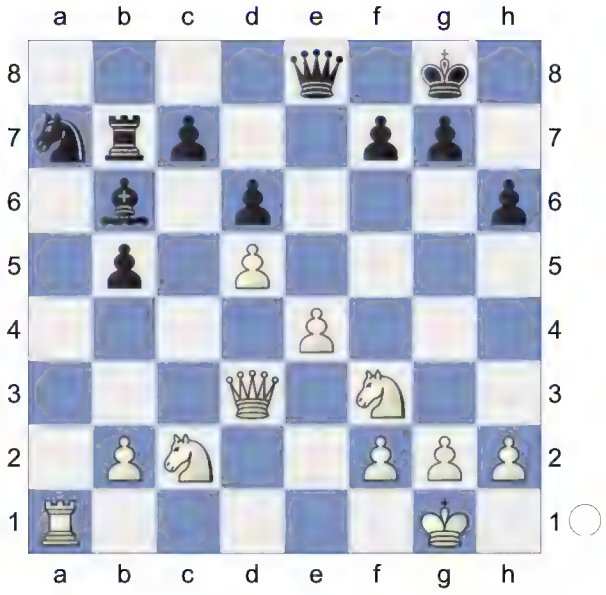
**( -> ...Ra1+) 31.Rg3 Kf8!**
[ 31...Ra1+?! 32.Kh2 Kf8 33.Qh4± *( 33.Nxg7 Qxh5 34.Nxh5 Re1= )*]
**32.Nxg7**
[ 32.Rxg7? gets mated. Ra1+ ]
[ 32.Kh2 Nc4 33.Qe2 d5 34.Nxg7 Nd6 35.Qd2 ]
**32...Qxh5**
[ 32...Ra1+ looks sharper. 33.Kh2 Qxh5 34.Nxh5 Rb1 ]
**33.Nxh5=** Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **33...Ra2 34.Rb3 c5** and ...Nc4 would now be decisive **35.c3! Nc4 36.cxb4 Nd2 37.Ra3 Rxb2 38.bxc5** Ra8+ would now be deadly. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
**38...Rb1+**
**½-½**

**122** **C78**
□ **Barrientos Chavarriaga,Sergio E**
■ **Mareco,Sandro** **2574**
Medellin Raza Antioquia (6) 13.10.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** Nowadays more popular than 6...Be7.Heutzutage beliebter als 6...Le7. **7.c3 d6 8.a4**



**Bb7 9.d4 Bb6 10.Bg5 0-0** White has an edge. **11.Bd5**
[ 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.d5 ]
**11...h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Na3 exd4N**
[ 13...Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 25.Nb4 Ra4 26.Rd1 Bxd4 27.cxd4 Nc4 28.Nd3 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]
**14.cxd4 Rfb8 15.Nc2**
[ 15.axb5 axb5 *( 15...Nxd4 16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.Nc4∓ )* 16.Bxc6 Bxc6∓ ]
**15...Qd8!?** 0.78/21 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[ 15...bxa4= 0.24/19 keeps the balance. 16.Rxa4 Ne7 ]
**16.axb5± axb5 17.Qd3 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Na7 19.Bxb7 Rxb7 20.d5N** 0.44/21
[ 20.Nb4 0.40/21 20.Ne3 1.06 c5 21.Nd5 c4 22.Qc3 Nc8 1.62/22 *( 22...Nc6± 0.51/24 )* 23.b3 ½-½ Popovic,P (2555)-Tseshkovsky,V (2540) YUG-chT Tivat 1995 (6) ]
[ 20.Ne3± 0.93/21 ]
**20...Qe8** 1.25/19
[ 20...c5± 0.44/21 ]



**21.Ncd4!± Rb8 22.g3 g6** 2.05/21
[ 22...b4± 1.42/20 23.Kh1 g6 ]
**23.Rc1+- Qd7** 2.48/22
[ 23...Nc8± 1.60/22 24.Kg2 *( 24.Nxb5 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Rxb5= )* 24...Bxd4 25.Nxd4 *( 25.Qxd4 Rb7± )* 25...Rb7 ]
**24.b4 Re8** 2.11/22
[ 24...Nc8± 1.56/21 25.Qd2 *( 25.Nxb5 Ne7+-; 25.Qxb5 Qxb5 26.Nxb5 Ne7± )* 25...Kg7 ]
**25.Kg2 Qe7 26.Re1**
[ 26.Nxb5 Qxe4 *( 26...Nxb5 27.Qxb5*

*Qxe4 28.Re1±* ) 27.Qxe4 Rxe4 28.Nxa7 ( *28.Nxc7 Re2∓* ) 28...Re2= ]

**26...Qd7 27.h3 Re7** 3.44/22

[ ⌓27...h5 2.37/22 28.h4 Qc8 ]

**28.Qd2 Kh7** 5.75/21

[ 28...Bxd4 2.43/22 is a better chance. 29.Nxd4 h5 ]

**29.Qf4?** 1.83/23

[ 29.Nh2 5.75/21 ]

**29...c5?** 4.83/22

[ 29...c6 1.83/23 is a better defense. ]

**30.dxc6?** 0.23/19

[White should play 30.Nh2+- 4.83/22 Hoping for Ng4!. h5 ( *30...cxd4? 31.Ng4+-* ) 31.Ndf3 ]

**30...Nxc6= 31.Nxc6 Qxc6 32.Qf6** Wards off Qc2

[ 32.Rd1 Qc2 33.Rd2 Qxe4 34.Qxe4 Rxe4 35.Rxd6 Re6 36.Rxe6 fxe6 37.Ne5 ]

**32...Qd7 33.e5 Re6**

[ 33...Bc7 simplifies 34.e6 Rxe6 35.Rxe6 Qxe6 36.Qxe6 fxe6 37.Nd4 Bb8 ]

**34.Qh4 Qc6 35.Qf4 Kg7 36.h4 Qc3 37.h5 dxe5**

[ 37...gxh5? 38.Re2 Qc4 39.Qd2-+ ]

**38.Qe4 g5** ...Bd4 would now be deadly.

**39.Re2! Bd4 40.Qd5** -0.61/27

[ 40.Rc2= -0.13/26 is superior. Qxb4 41.Rc8 ]

**40...Rf6∓ 41.Nxe5?** -7.08/25

[ 41.Nxd4∓ -0.62/23 exd4 42.Re7 ]

**41...Rf5-+** Black is clearly winning.

[ 41...Qxb4 42.Nc6 Qd6 43.Qxd4= ]

**42.f4 gxf4**

[ 42...Qxb4 43.Qe4 Rf6 44.fxg5 ( *44.Nc6 Rxc6 45.Qxc6 Qb1±* ) 44...hxg5 45.Nc6 Rxc6 46.Qxc6± ]

**43.gxf4 Bxe5**

[ 43...Qxb4 44.Qe4 Rf6 ( *44...Rxh5?* perishes. *45.Nc6+-* ) 45.Kh2+- ( *45.Nc6 Qc5+-* )]

**44.Rxe5 Rxf4** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **45.Rg5+ Kh7!**

[ 45...hxg5 46.Qxg5+ Kf8 47.Qxf4= ]

**46.Rg3 Qc2+ 47.Kh3 Rf5**

[Worse is 47...Rxb4 48.Qxf7+ Kh8 49.Rg8# ]

**48.Qd3 Qxd3 49.Rxd3 Rxh5+** KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **50.Kg4 Re5 51.Kf4 f6 52.Rd8 h5 53.Rc8 Rg5 54.Rc7+** Quite a comeback for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.32

**54...Kg6**

**0-1**

**123** **C78**

□ **Harika,Dronavalli** **2511**

■ **Batsiashvili,Nino** **2489**

New Delhi FIDE GP (Women) (8) 2.4.23

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4N** 9.Be3 is the fancy move. 9.Le3 ist der angesagte Zug.

[ 9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]

[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4

f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana, F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**9...Bg4 10.d5** -0.20/19
[ 10.h3± 0.31/17 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 ]

**10...Ne7!= 11.Qd3 Nd7** Black is slightly better. **12.Bd1 Nc5 13.Qc2 bxa4 14.Be3N**
[Predecessor: 14.h3 -1.27/21 14.Be3 -0.51 Bh5 0.02/21 *( 14...Bd7∓ -1.27/21 15.c4 a5 )* 15.Be3= 0-0 16.Bxc5 Bxc5 17.Rxa4 Qd7 0.64/19 *( 17...f5= 0.08/20 )* 18.Nh4 -0.01/21 *( 18.b4± 0.64/19 Ba7 19.Kh1 )* 18...Bxd1= 19.Qxd1 a5 20.b3 0-1 (56) Argote Heredia,V (2030)-Vazquez Maccarini,D (2002) San Salvador 2023 ]

**14...Bd7** -0.24/22
[ 14...0-0∓ -0.66/21 ]

**15.Nbd2** -0.94/21
[ 15.Qe2= -0.24/22 keeps the balance. ]

**15...0-0∓ 16.b4** -1.47/21
[ 16.Bxc5∓ -0.57/19 Bxc5 17.Qb1 ]

**16...axb3 17.Nxb3 Nxb3 18.Qxb3 Ng6** -1.02/20
[ ⌓18...Bxe3 -1.49/22 19.fxe3 Qb8 ]

**19.c4 Qb8** -0.64/23
[ 19...f5∓ -1.00/20 20.Bc2 Bxe3 21.fxe3 Kh8 ]

**20.Qc3 Qa7 21.Ba4! Bxa4 22.Rxa4 Rfb8 23.Rfa1 Bxe3 24.Qxe3 Rb6** 0.04/21
[ 24...Qxe3∓ -0.41/23 25.fxe3 Rb6 ]

**25.c5= dxc5 26.g3 Qb7 27.Qxc5 Rb5** 0.58/22
[ 27...c6= 0.05/22 ]

**28.Qc4** White has compensation.

**28...Qb6 29.h4** 0.01/24
[ 29.Rc1± 0.66/20 ]

**29...Rb2 30.Qf1** next h5! is good for White. **30...h5! 31.Ng5 a5 32.Qe1 Nf8**
[ 32...c6 is interesting. 33.d6 f6 34.Nf3 Qb5 ]

**33.Nh3**
[ 33.Rxa5? Rxa5 34.Rxa5 Rb1-+ ]

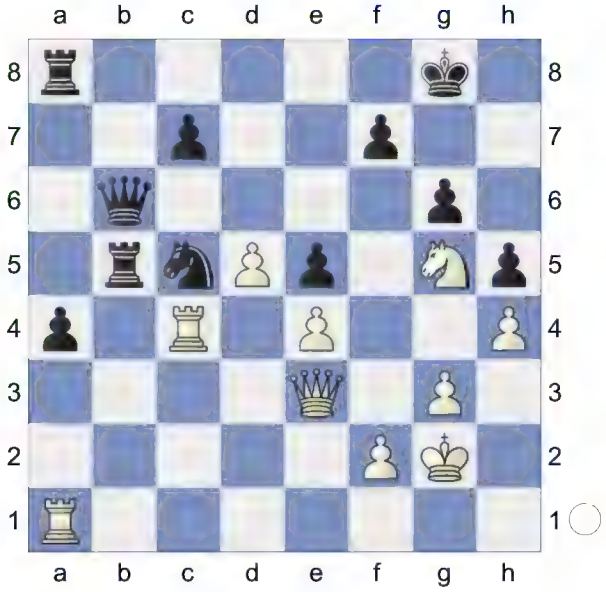
**33...Rb5 34.Kg2 Nd7** -0.01/23
[ 34...c6∓ -0.53/22 ]

**35.Ng5 Nc5 36.Rc4** -1.20/25
[Better is 36.R4a2∓ -0.34/26 ]

**36...a4** -0.18/22
[Black should try 36...Rb2!∓ -1.20/25 ...Nd3 is the strong threat. 37.Ra3 f6 ]

**37.Qe3** -0.85/24 Prevents Nd3.
[ 37.Qd1= -0.18/22 ]

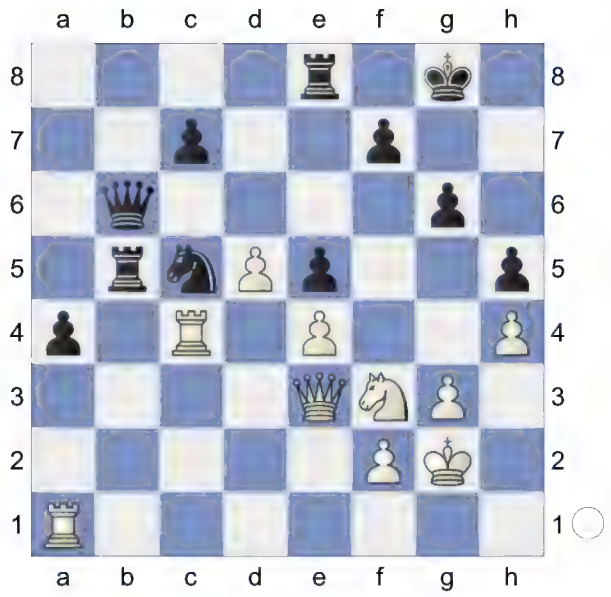
**37...g6?** 1.38/23
[ 37...f6∓ -0.85/24 stays on course. 38.Nf3 Qd6 ]



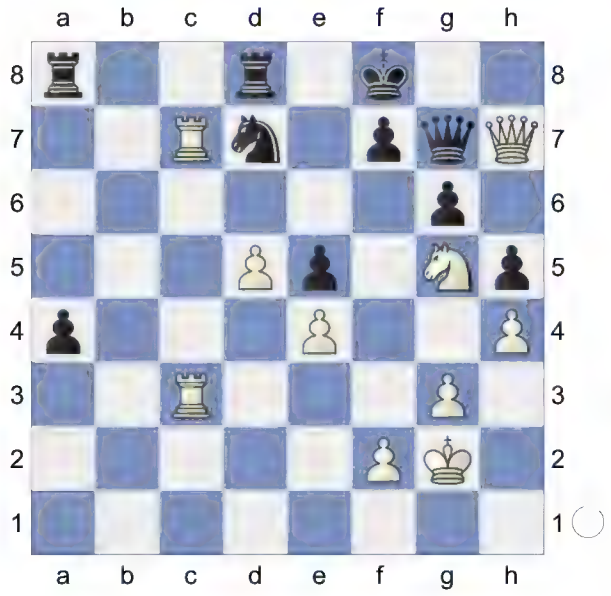

**38.Nf3** 0.11/22 White is more active.
[ 38.Rac1!± 1.38/23 Nb3 39.Qf3 ]

**38...Re8** 1.58/23
[ 38...Nd7= 0.11/22 ]

(Diagram)



**39.Ra2!±** Qh6 is the strong threat.
**39...Ra5?** 4.41/24
[ 39...Kg7 2.44/21 40.Rac2 Na6 ]
**40.Qh6+- Qf6 41.Rac2 Nd7** 8.97/23
[ ⌓41...Nb7 4.25/23 42.Rxc7 Nd8 ]
**42.Rxc7 Rd8 43.Ng5** White wants to mate with Rxd7!. **43...Raa8 44.Qh7+ Kf8 45.R2c3** White mates. **45...Qg7**



**46.Ne6+! fxe6**
[ 46...Ke7 47.Qxg7 ]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.71

**47.Rf3+**
**1-0**

**124** **C78**
□ **Narayanan S L** **2551**
■ **Quesada Perez,Yuniesky** **2630**
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*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8 10.Re1N**
[ 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**10...0-0 11.Bg5** -0.20/24
[ ⌓11.axb5 0.24/22 axb5 12.Qd3 ]
**11...h6 12.Bh4** The position is equal.
**12...Bg4** 0.66/23
[ 12...exd4= -0.16/24 13.cxd4 Bg4 ]
**13.axb5** 0.01/22

[ 13.Bd5!± 0.66/23 Ne7 14.Bxf6 *( 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Bxf6 gxf6= )* 14...gxf6 15.h3 ]

**13...axb5= 14.Bd5 Ne7 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.h3 Bh5 17.Nbd2 Nxd5** 0.44/20

[ 17...f5!= -0.01/23 ]

**18.exd5± Re8** 1.45/25

[ 18...exd4!± 0.39/22 19.c4 f5 ]

**19.Ne4** 0.63/23

[ 19.Nf1± 1.45/25 ]

**19...Bg6** 1.25/23

[ 19...exd4± 0.63/23 20.Qd3 dxc3 21.Qxc3 Kg7 ]

**20.Nh4?** -0.79/22

[ 20.Ng3± 1.25/23 is forced if you want to stay better. ]

**20...f5∓ 21.Nxg6 fxg6 22.Ng3 exd4** -0.42/22

[ 22...Qf6∓ -0.92/19 23.Qb3 e4 ]

**23.Re6?** -2.11/25

[White should try 23.Rxe8+∓ -0.42/22 Qxe8 24.cxd4 ]

**23...Rxe6-+ 24.dxe6 Qf6?** -0.19/22

[ 24...dxc3-+ -2.28/23 25.bxc3 Kh7 ]

**25.Qb3?** -4.16/23

[ 25.Ne2!= -0.19/22 ]

**25...dxc3 26.Re1 Re8**

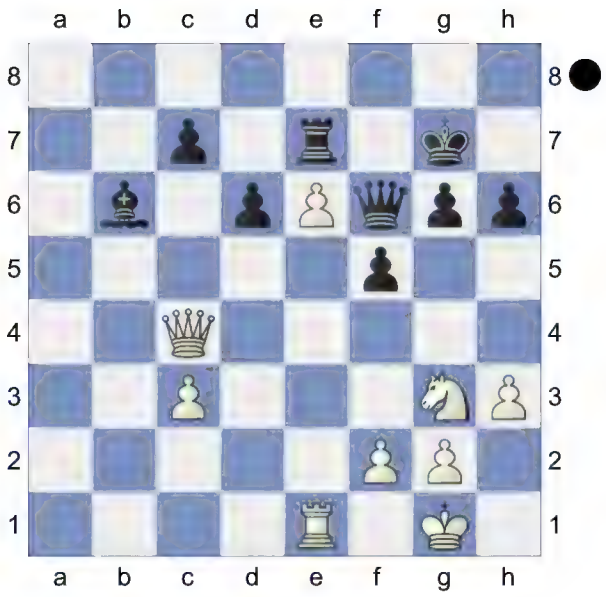
[ 26...cxb2? 27.e7+ Kh7 *( 27...d5? 28.e8Q+ Rxe8 29.Rxe8+ Kf7 30.Re1+- )* 28.e8Q *( 28.e8B Ba5-+; 28.e8R Rxe8 29.Rxe8 h5± )* 28...Rxe8 29.Rxe8± ]

**27.bxc3 Kg7** ...c6 would now be deadly.

**28.Qxb5 Re7 29.Qc4** -2.51/25

[ 29.Nf1∓ -1.41/23 ]

(Diagram)



**29...f4! 30.Nf1** -8.28/22

[ 30.Ne4 -2.08/23 Qxe6 31.Qxe6 Rxe6 32.c4 ]

**30...Qf5?** -0.14/24

[Black should play 30...Bxf2+-+ -8.28/22 31.Kxf2 Qh4+ Skewer, Deflection 32.Kg1 Qxe1 33.Qxf4 Qxc3 *( 33...Rxe6? 34.Qg3-+; 33...Qxe6? 34.Qd4+ Qe5 35.Qd2-+ )*]

**31.Nh2**

[ 31.Nd2 keeps more tension. Qc5 32.Qxf4 Qxc3 33.Re2 ]

**31...d5 32.Qc6 h5 33.Nf3 Kf6** 0.49/26

[ 33...Qc2= 0.01/24 34.Rf1 *( 34.Qxd5 Bxf2+ 35.Kh1 Qxc3∓ )* 34...Qf5 ]

**34.Qa8± Kg7** Prevents Qf8+. **35.Qd8** Really sharp! **35...Qf6** 5.35/25

[ 35...Rxe6= 0.09/25 and Black stays safe. 36.Rd1 Rd6 *( 36...Re2 37.Rxd5 Qf8 38.Rd7+ Kg8 39.Qg5= )*]

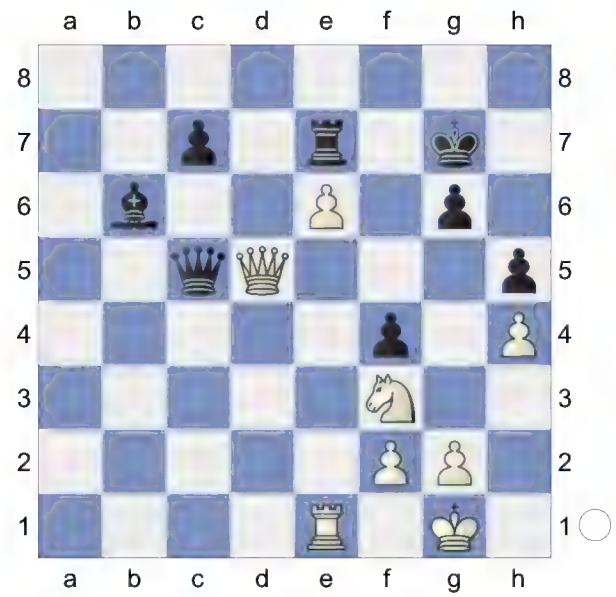
**36.Qxd5?** 1.39/24

[Less strong is 36.Re5 Bc5± ]

[ 36.Nd4+- 5.35/25 ]

**36...Qxc3± 37.h4** Strongly threatening Rd1. **37...Qc5?** 3.46/23

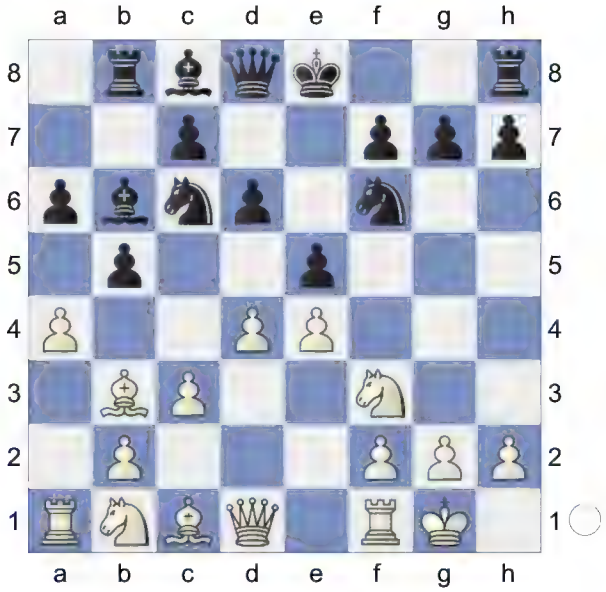
[ 37...Qb2± 1.06/26 38.Rf1 Qf6 ]



**38.Qd2?** 0.16/24 Active counter play!
[ 38.Qa2!+- 3.46/23 ]
**38...Qd6?** 8.07/25
[ 38...Ba5= 0.16/24 39.Qb2+ Bc3 ]
**39.Qc3++- Kh7 40.Ng5+** Black is weak on the light squares **40...Kg8 41.Qc2?** 1.04/21
[ 41.Qf6+- 8.53/24 is the precise move to win. ]
**41...Kg7± 42.Rd1** 0.66/27
[ 42.Qe4± 1.15/23 ]
**42...Qc5?** #8/18
[ 42...Qe5± 0.66/27 43.Qc4 Qf6 ]
**43.Qb2+ Kg8** White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.10/ Black=1.08
**44.Rd8+**
**1-0**

**125** **C78**
□ **Pranav,V..** **2621**
■ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.28) 4.12.24
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6!**



**10.a5!**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 exd4 14.Nbxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Re8 16.Re1 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nh5 18.Ba4 Rf8 19.Bc6 Qf6 20.Ra4 Nf4 21.Kh1 d5 22.exd5 Ng6 23.Re4 Ne7 24.Rc4 Qd6 ½-½ Kamsky,G (2741)-Grischuk,A (2779) Thessaloniki FIDE GP 2013 (3) ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3 Bb7N**
[ 11...0-0 12.Be3 Ra8 *( 12...Nxe4 13.Bd5 exd4 14.Bxe4 d5 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.cxd4 Qf6 19.Nc3 c6 20.Re1 Bb7 21.Na2 Rbe8 22.Qc2+ g6 23.Qc5 Qd8 24.Nb4 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Re8 26.Re5 Rxe5 27.dxe5* 1-0 Tahedl,M (2438)-12. ♘e4 de4 13.d5 ♗c8 (2381)

37/135 London 1984 [2]) 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 Re8 15.Qc2 exd4 16.Bxd4 Ne5 17.Rad1 Nfd7 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 c5 21.Bd5 Ra7 22.Rf3 Nf6 23.Nb3 Qe7 24.c4 Rc7 25.Rc3 b4 26.Rf3 1-0 Cossin,S (2424)-Suren,A (2305) St Petersburg Korchnoi Memorial op 2023 (3) ]

**12.Be3** White is slightly better. **12...Nxe4 13.Re1** next d5 is good for White. **13...Ne7 14.dxe5** 0.05/20

[ 14.Nbd2!± 0.69/24 ]

**14...Bxe3= 15.Rxe3** aiming for Qe2. **15...0-0 16.Bc2 Nc5 17.Nbd2 Nd5 18.Re1 Nf4 19.exd6 Qxd6 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Rbd8 22.Qc2**

[ 22.Qxd6 simplifies Rxd6 23.b4 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 Ne6 25.Rae1 ]

**22...Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Nd3 24.Re2 Qg6 25.Qh4**

[ 25.Qxg6 simplifies hxg6 26.Kf1 Rfe8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.b4 ]

**25...Rde8 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.b4 c5→** Prevents Qd4. Black attacks. **28.bxc5 Nxc5 29.Rd1** Against Qd6. Black must now prevent Qe7! **29...h6 30.Qb4 Rc8 31.Qd4** -0.69/19

[ 31.Ne5= -0.27/20 Qf5 32.Qd4 ]

**31...Na4** 0.00/23

[ 31...Qe4!∓ -0.69/19 ]

**32.Qd7 Qc6**

[ 32...Rxc3? 33.Qe8+ Kh7 34.Rd8+- ]

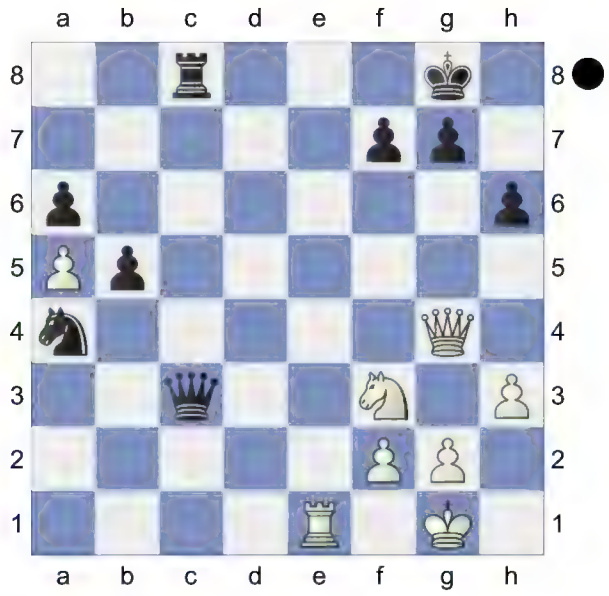
**33.Qe7 Qxc3 34.Qb7 Qc2 35.Re1** -1.86/22

[ 35.Ne1= -0.23/24 and White stays safe. Qxd1 *( 35...Qc6? 36.Rd8+* Deflection *Rxd8 37.Qxc6+- )* 36.Qxc8+ Kh7 37.Qf5+ Kh8 38.Qc8+ Kh7 39.Qf5+ Kg8 40.Qc8+ Kh7 ]

**35...Qc6-+ 36.Qe7 Qc7** Prevents Ne5 **37.Qb4 Qc3** -1.25/19

[ Better is 37...Nc3-+ -1.93/21 38.Qa3 Nd5 ]

**38.Qg4∓**



**Rf8** -1.96/22

[ 38...Rd8!∓ -1.36/19 39.Qf4 Qc4 *( 39...Qxa5 40.Re7∓ )* 40.Qxc4 bxc4 ]

**39.Re3 Qc1+ 40.Re1 Qc5** -0.85/20

[ 40...Qc3-+ -1.80/22 is more deadly. 41.Qd7 Qc8 *( 41...Qxa5 42.Re8= )* 42.Qxc8 Rxc8 ]

**41.Nd4 Kh7** -0.49/21

[ Black should play 41...Qc4∓ -1.18/20 Threatens to win with ...Rd8. 42.Nf5 Qxg4 43.hxg4 Nc5 ]

**42.Re3** -0.99/18

[ 42.Qe4+!∓ -0.49/21 Kh8 43.Nc6 ]

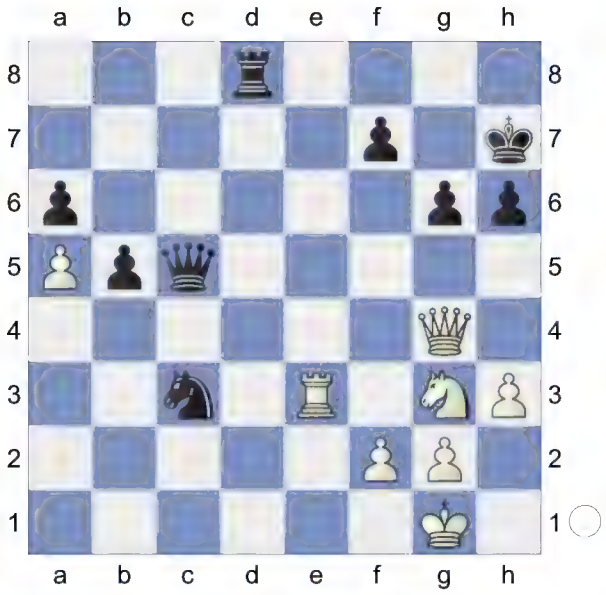
**42...Rd8 43.Nf5** -2.43/24

[ 43.Qe4+∓ -1.29/19 g6 44.Nc6 Rd1+ 45.Kh2 Qd6+ 46.g3 ]

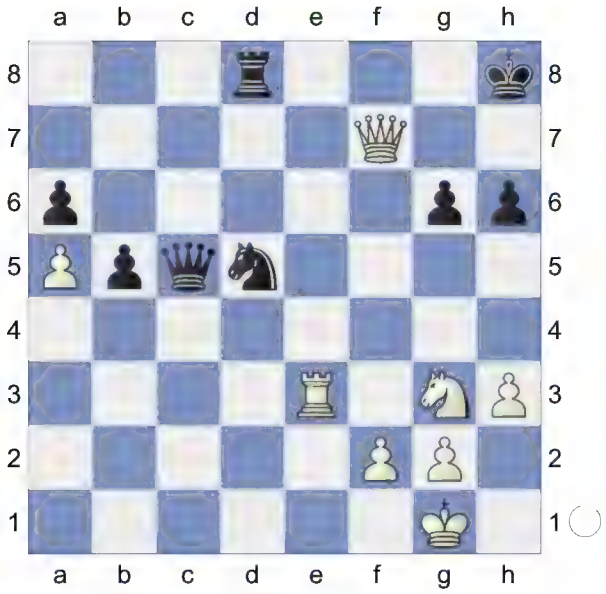
**43...g6-+ 44.Ng3 Nc3??** 3.15/19

[ 44...Qd4-+ -2.47/20 and all is fine. And now ...Qxg4 would win. 45.Re7 Qa1+ 46.Kh2 Qf6 ]

(Diagram)



**45.Qf3!+- Nd5**
[ Of course not 45...Rd1+ 46.Kh2 Kg7 47.Rxc3+- ]
**46.Qxf7+ Kh8**



**47.Qxg6! Nxe3**
[ 47...Qf8 48.Re6 ]
**48.Qf6+ Kh7 49.Qxd8** Endgame. KQN-KQN **49...Nd5 50.Qd7+ Ne7 51.Qe6 b4 52.Qxa6 Nc6 53.Qb7+ Kg6 54.a6 Na7 55.Qd7 Qb6 56.Qf5+ Kg7 57.Nh5+ Kg8 58.Qg4+ Kf8 59.Qg7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.47
**1-0**

**126** **C78**
□ **Dvoirys,Semen I** **2462**
■ **Baron,Tal** **2441**
ISR-ch Eilat (4) 23.01.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

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**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3!** is more profitable than 9.a4 at the moment.scheint profitabler als 9.a4. **9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.dxe5N**
[ 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 Qf7 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**11...Bxe3** White has an edge. **12.exf6 Bxd2 13.Qxd2 Qxf6 14.Bd5 Bd7N** 0.84/23
[ 14...Bb7! 15.a4 Rab8 16.axb5 axb5 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.Nxg5 Ne5 19.Ra7 Bxd5 20.exd5 Re7 ½-½ (31) Asatryan,S (2122)-Milikow,Y (2301) Belgrade Serbia op 2021 (7) ]
[ 14...Bb7!± 0.32/24 ]
**15.Ng5±**
[ 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 *( 16.Bxa8? Nf3+ 17.Kh1 Nxd2-+ )* 16...c6∓ ]
**15...Re7 16.f4** White is more active.
**16...h6?** 3.48/24
[ 16...Rae8!± 0.46/22 ]

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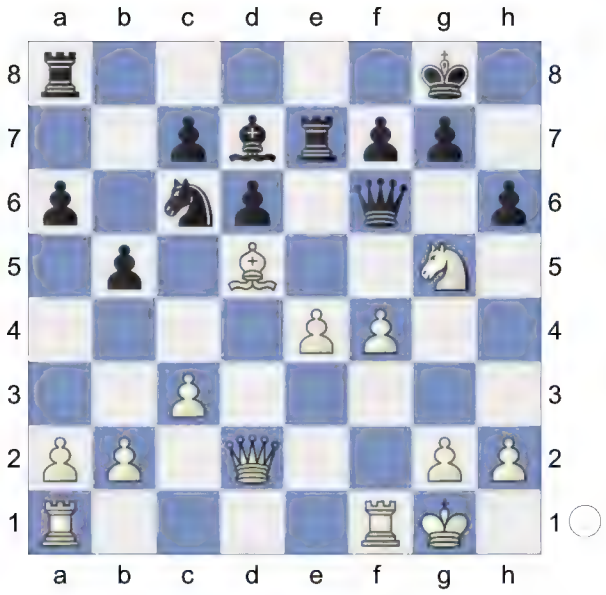

**17.e5!+- dxe5 18.Nxf7**
[ 18.Ne4 Qh4± ]
**18...e4**
[ 18...Rxf7? 19.fxe5 Qxe5 20.Bxf7+ Kh8 21.Qxd7+- ]
**19.Ne5+**
[ 19.Nxh6+? Kh8 20.Rae1 *( 20.Bxc6? Qxc6 21.Qe3 Qxh6-+ )* 20...Qxh6-+ *( 20...gxh6? 21.Rxe4 Rf8 22.Qe3-+ )*]
**19...Kh8 20.Bxe4 Be8** Prevents Ng6+.
**21.Qc2 Re6 22.Rae1 Rd8 23.Qb3 Rdd6 24.Qc2?** -0.01/16
[ 24.Qa3+- 3.05/20 ]
**24...Rd8!= 25.Qe2 Nxe5 26.fxe5 Qe7**

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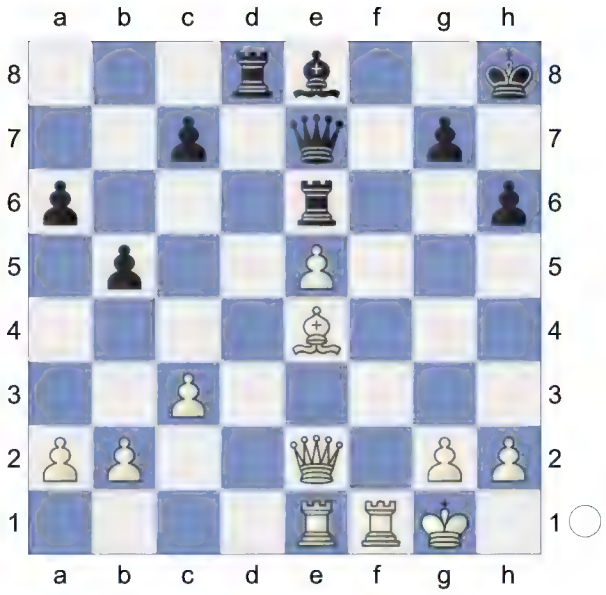

**27.Bf5! Qc5+ 28.Kh1 Re7 29.e6 Bc6** 9.21/24 Wards off Qf3
[ 29...g6 3.82/22 ]
**30.Qg4 Rd2 31.Be4 Rd8** Inhibits Rf8+.
**32.h3** 2.48/23
[ ⌓32.Bc2 6.00/26 ]
**32...Bxe4+- 33.Rxe4**
[ 33.Qxe4 Rde8± ]
**33...Qg5?** 4.83/26
[ 33...Kg8 2.92/22 34.a3 Qc6 ]
**34.Qf3** 2.02/23
[ ⌓34.Qxg5 4.83/26 hxg5 35.a4 ]
**34...Rde8 35.Rfe1 Kg8 36.R4e2** Wards off Qd2 **36...Qc5** 2.48/23 Repels Qc6
[ 36...Rd8 1.73/23 37.Re5 Qg6 ]
**37.Re5 Qd6 38.Qg4 Rf8** 3.18/23
[ ⌓38...Qd2 2.00/22 ]
**39.Rf5 Rxf5 40.Qxf5** Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **40...Qd2 41.Qe4 c6 42.b3 Qd5 43.Qe2 Kh7** 3.92/25
[ 43...Qf5 2.78/24 44.a3 a5 ]
**44.Qg4 h5 45.Qe2 g6?** 4.75/25
[ 45...Qf5 2.50/25 might work better. 46.Qe3 a5 ]
**46.c4 Qf5 47.Qd2 bxc4 48.Qd6 Qf8** 7.12/25

[ ⌓48...Qf6 4.40/25 49.bxc4 *( 49.Qxc6 c3± )* 49...c5 ]

**49.bxc4 Qe8 50.c5 Kg7 51.Qe5+ Kh7 52.Qf6 Kh6 53.Re5 Kh7 54.Re4 Kg8 55.Kg1 Kh7 56.g4 Kg8 57.Re2**

[ 57.gxh5 gxh5 58.Re2 Rg7+ 59.Rg2 Qf8+- ]

**57...hxg4 58.hxg4 Qf8 59.Qxg6+ Rg7 60.Qe4 Qxc5+ 61.Kg2** Black must now prevent e7. **61...Re7** 7.66/22

[ ⌓61...Qe7 4.94/22 62.Qc4 *( 62.Qxc6 Rxg4+ 63.Kf3 Rg5= )* 62...Kh8 ]

**62.Rd2 Qa5 63.Qf4 Rxe6**

**64.Qb8+?** 0.01/24

[White has to play 64.Rd7!+- 6.31/25 Qf7+ would kill now. Qxa2+ 65.Kg3 Qa3+ 66.Kh4 ]

**64...Kf7⇄** Black is not holding back. The position is equal. **65.Rd7+ Re7 66.Qf4+ Ke8 67.Rd2 Qe5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.56

**68.Qf3**

**½-½**

**127** **C78**

□ **Siddharth,Jagadeesh** **2472**

■ **Itgelt,Khuyagtsogt** **2416**

Eastern Asia zt 3.3 (4) 26.04.2025

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**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5** 10.a5 is better than 10.axb5.10.a5 ist besser als 10.axb5.

[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Bg5N** White has an edge.

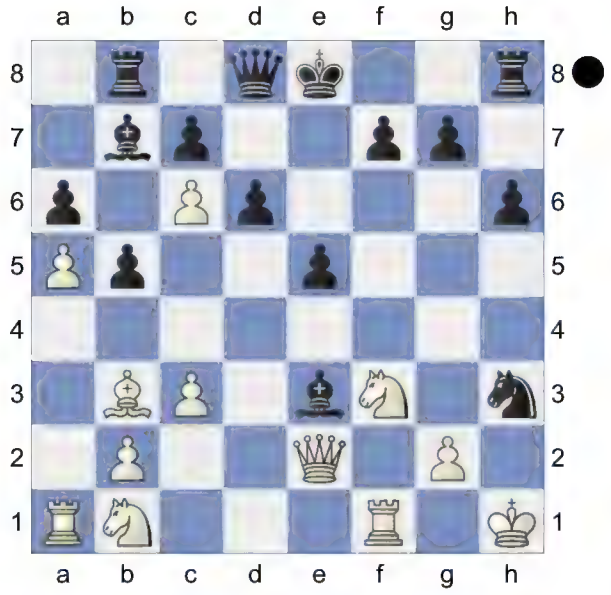
[ 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6

24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**12...h6 13.Be3N**

[ 13.Bh4 g5 14.dxe5? -2.57/22 *( 14.Bg3!∓ -0.37/20 )* 14...dxe5-+ 15.Qxd8+? -4.09/23 *( 15.Bg3 -2.50/22 Qxd1 16.Bxd1 Nxe4 17.Bh2 )* 15...Rxd8-+ 16.Bg3 Nxe4 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 0-0 19.Bc2 -7.60/22 0-1 (33) Sorokin,A (2536)-Panesar,V (2379) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Jan blitz 2022 (5) *( ⌓19.Nf3 -5.00/20 Rfe8 20.Nd4 )*]

**13...Nxe4 14.d5 Bxe3 15.dxc6 Nxf2! 16.Qe2 Nxh3+ 17.Kh1**



**Nf2+?** 1.39/23 **18.Rxf2± Bxf2 19.cxb7 Ba7 20.Bd5** White has strong compensation. **20...Qd7** Repels Bc6 **21.Nd4↑** Dodges c6. White has good play.

[ 21.Nbd2 c6 22.Ba2 0-0∓ *( 22...Rxb7 23.Rf1∓; 22...Qxb7 23.Nh4∓ )*]

**21...Qe7 22.Bc6+ Kf8! 23.Nf3** Inhibits Qh4+. **23...d5 24.Bxd5**

[ 24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Nxe5 Ke7= ]

**24...Rd8?** 2.15/23 Black is weak on the light squares

[Black should try 24...Qg5!± 0.49/21 25.Qxe5 *( 25.Nxg5? hxg5+ )* 25...Qc1+ 26.Kh2 c6 ]

**25.c4+-**

[ 25.Qxe5? Qxe5 26.Nxe5 Rxd5-+ ]

**25...c6 26.Bxc6 Rd4** 3.01/21

[ 26...Qg5 2.04/21 keeps fighting. 27.Nc3 *( 27.Nxg5? hxg5+ )* 27...b4 ]

**27.Be4**

[ 27.Nxe5? Rh4# ]

[ 27.Qxe5? Qxe5 *( 27...bxc4? 28.Qxd4 Bb8 29.Nc3+- )* 28.b8Q+ Qxb8-+ ]

[ 27.cxb5? Rh4+ 28.Nh2 Rxh2+ 29.Kxh2 Qh4# ]

**27...Rxc4** 4.37/23

[ 27...Qg5 2.15/20 28.b8Q+ *( 28.Nxg5? hxg5+ )* 28...Bxb8 29.Nxd4 *( 29.Nxg5? hxg5+ 30.Kg1 Ba7-+; 29.cxb5 Qc1+ 30.Ng1 axb5∓ )* 29...exd4 *( 29...Qc1+ 30.Kh2= )*]

**28.Nc3** Threatens to win with Nd5.

**28...g6 29.g3?** 1.27/23

[ 29.Bd5? Rh4+ 30.Nh2 Rxh2+ 31.Kxh2 Qh4# ]

[ 29.Nd5!+- 4.27/22 Qxb7 30.b3 *( 30.Nxe5 Qxd5 31.Nxc4 Qxc4∓ )*]

**29...Kg7 30.Rd1** 0.60/21

[ 30.Bd5± 1.27/23 Rc7 31.Re1 *( 31.Nxe5 Re8=; 31.Qxe5+ Qxe5 32.Nxe5 Rd8± )*]

**30...Rc5** 2.02/22

[ 30...Re8± 0.60/21 ]

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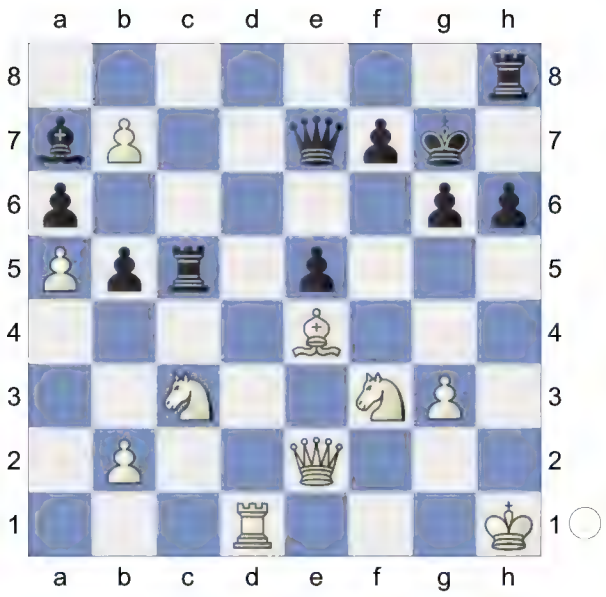
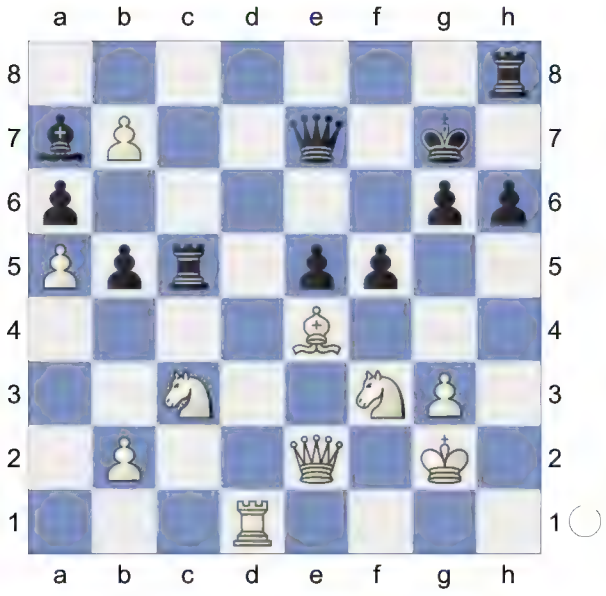
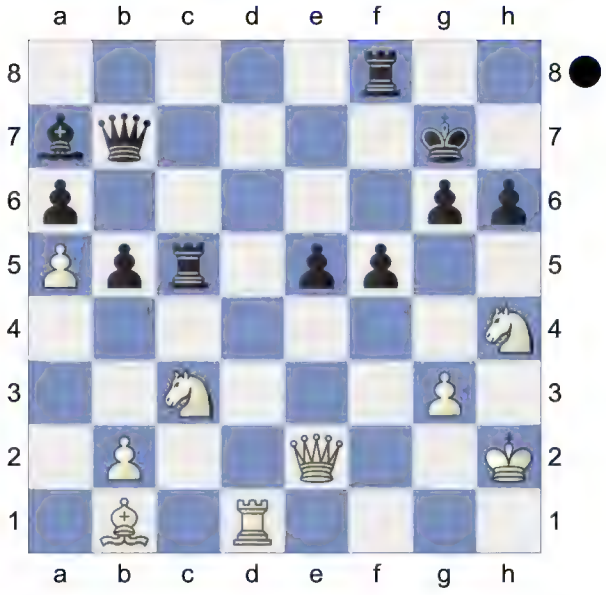


**31.Kg2?** 0.50/23
[Better is 31.Nd5!+- 2.02/22 Qe6 32.b4 ]
**31...f5±**

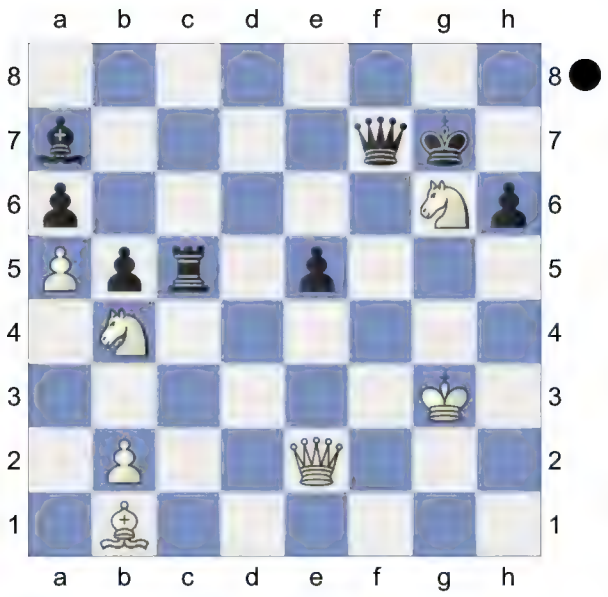


**32.Nh4! Rf8!**
[ 32...fxe4? 33.Qg4 Qf6 *( 33...Qxb7 34.Qxg6+ Kf8 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Rd8+ Kh7 37.Rxh8#; 33...Qf7? 34.Rd7+-* Pin *)* 34.Rd6+- *( 34.Nxe4 Rc2+ 35.Kh3 h5+-; 34.Rd7+ Kg8+- )*]
**33.Bb1** -0.01/25
[ 33.Nd5± 0.57/22 Qe8 *( 33...Qxb7? 34.Nxg6 Rfc8 35.b4+- )* 34.Bc2 *( 34.b4 Rc6= )*]
**33...Qxb7+ 34.Kh2** -0.77/23
[ 34.Kh3!= 0.00/23 ]



**34...Qc6!∓** ...e4 would now be deadly.
**35.Na2?** -2.92/24
[ 35.Rd2!∓ -0.59/20 ]
**35...Qf6**
[Not 35...e4 36.Nb4 Qe8 37.Nxa6∓ ]
**36.Nb4 f4?** -0.01/22
[ 36...Bb8-+ -2.68/20 37.Rd7+ Rf7 ]
**37.Rd7+?** -2.25/26
[ 37.Bxg6= -0.01/22 fxg3+ 38.Kh3 ]
**37...Rf7-+ 38.Rxf7+ Qxf7**
[ 38...Kxf7 39.Bxg6+ Kf8 40.Qe4 fxg3+ 41.Kxg3= ]
**39.Nxg6?** -6.60/21
[ 39.Nd3 -1.95/23 fxg3+ 40.Kxg3 ]
**39...fxg3+ 40.Kxg3**

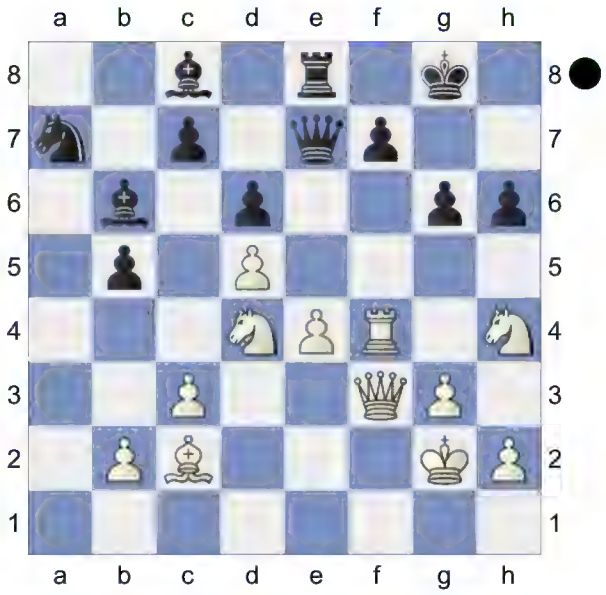
(Diagram)



**e4! 41.Bxe4**
[ 41.Qg4 Rg5 ]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.37
**41...Rg5+**
**0-1**

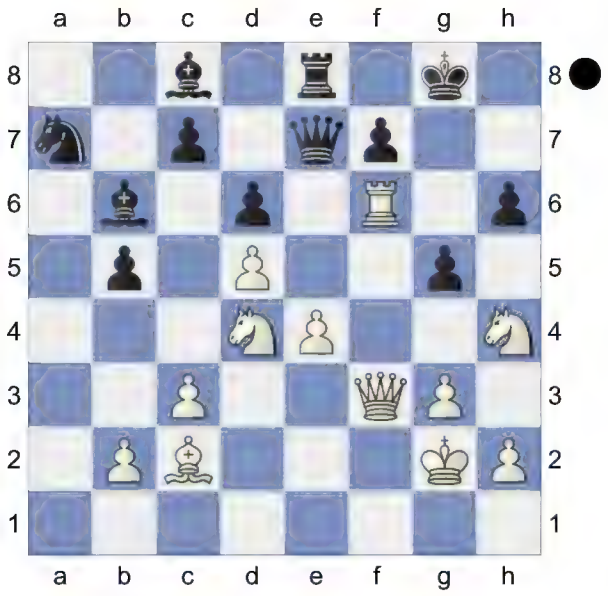
**128** **C78**
□ **Mertens,Gabriel** **2436**
■ **Williams,C** **2570**
FIDE World CH (6) 08.06.2023
*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6** White is slightly better. **10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.axb5N**
[ 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 25.Nb4 Ra4 26.Rd1 Bxd4 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]
**12...axb5 13.Rxa8+ Bxa8 14.d5 Na7 15.Na3 0-0 16.Qd3 Qf4 17.g3**
[ 17.Nxb5 f5 *( 17...Nxb5 18.Qxb5 Qxe4 19.Qc4∓ )* 18.exf5 *( 18.Nxa7? fxe4 19.g3 Qg4-+ )* 18...e4∓ ]
**17...Qg4 18.Nh4 g6** Inhibits Nf5.
**19.Kg2**
[ 19.Nxb5 Nxb5 20.Qxb5 Qxe4∓ ]
**19...Bb7 20.f4** -0.01/20
[ 20.h3± 0.35/19 is superior. Qd7 21.c4 ]
**20...exf4= 21.Rxf4 Qd7 22.Qf3 Re8 23.Nc2 Bc8 24.Nd4 Qe7** 4.09/22
[ 24...g5? 25.Ndf5 f6 26.Nxh6+ Kg7 27.N4f5+ *( 27.Rxf6 gxh4 28.Rf7+ Qxf7+- )* 27...Kf8 28.Qh5+- ]
[ 24...Qh3+= 0.01/20 and Black is okay. 25.Kh1 Bxd4 26.cxd4 g5 27.Rxf7 gxh4 ]
**25.Bc2??** -1.66/22
[ 25.e5!+- 4.09/22 is the narrow road to win. ]



**25...g5!-+ 26.Rf6** -2.17/23
[ 26.Nhf5∓ -1.15/21 was called for. Qf6 27.Nxh6+ *( 27.Qg4? h5-+ )*

27...Qxh6 28.Rxf7 Bh3+ 29.Kg1 ]



**26...Bxd4?** 0.01/18
[ 26...gxh4 27.Ne6 h3+ *( 27...fxe6 28.Qg4+ Qg7 29.Rg6=* Pin *)* 28.Kh1 fxe6 29.Qg4+ Qg7 30.Rg6± ]
[ 26...Bg4!-+ -2.17/23 27.Qxg4 Qxf6 ]
**27.cxd4=** aiming for Rxh6!. **27...gxh4**
**28.Qf4 h3+?** 2.77/26
[ 28...Qd7!= -0.01/22 29.Qxh6 *( 29.Rxh6? Qg4-+ )* 29...Qh3+ 30.Kg1 hxg3 31.Rg6+ fxg6 32.Qxg6+ Kf8 *( 32...Kh8 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Qg6+ Kh8 35.Qf6+ Kh7 36.e5+ Kg8 37.Qg5+ Kh8 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Qg5+ Kh8 40.Qf6+ Kg8= )* 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Qg6+ ]
**29.Kg1?** -0.01/21
[ 29.Kf1+- 2.77/26 Qf8 *( 29...h5 30.Qg5+ Kf8 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.e5 Qd7 33.Bh7+ Kh8 34.Bg6+* Discovered Attack (Check), Double Attack *Kg8 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Rxf7+ )* 30.Rxh6 *( 30.e5 dxe5 31.dxe5 Qg7= )*]
**29...Qf8** ...Qg7 would now be deadly.
**30.Rxh6 Qg7** Prevents e5. **31.e5?** -5.26/25 **dxe5-+ 32.Qh4** -6.61/22
[ ⌓32.Qe3 -4.02/20 e4 *( 32...exd4 33.Qxe8+ Qf8 34.Rh8+ Kg7 35.Qxf8+ Kf6 36.Rh6+ Ke5 37.Qe7+ )* 33.Rh5 ]
**32...e4**
[ 32...exd4 33.Bh7+ Kf8 34.Bd3+- ]
**33.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 34.Kf1**

**Bf5 35.d6**
[ 35.Rh8+ Qxh8 ]
**35...Bxe4 36.Qg5+ Kf8 37.Rh8+**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.17/ Black=0.42
**37...Qxh8**
**0-1**

**129** **C78**
□ **Klimkowski,Jan** **2447**
■ **Bernadskiy,Vitaliy** **2617**
Bialystok Zamenhof Memorial 41st (5)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6! 10.h3N**
[ 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3

Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**10...0-0 11.Be3 Bb7!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **12.axb5** White is slightly better. **12...axb5 13.Nbd2 exd4N**

[Data server:: 13...Qe8 0.79/22 13...exd4 0.38 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Bxb6 cxb6 16.Qe2 Na5 17.Bc2 Nh5 18.g3 Wards off Nf4 Bc8 19.b4 Nb7 0.99/20 ½-½ (45) Korchagina,V (2150)-Agrest,I (2180) Kemer 2009 *( 19...Nc4⩲ 0.36/22 )*]

**14.cxd4 Nb4** 0.91/23

[ 14...Ne7⩲ 0.42/21 ]

**15.Qb1?** -0.61/22

[ 15.Bg5!± 0.91/23 ]

**15...c5∓ 16.d5 c4 17.Bc2 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Nd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 20.N2f3** -0.63/21 Repels Qg5

[ 20.Qe1= -0.18/21 ]

**20...Bc8! 21.Qe1 Nxc2 22.Nxc2 Nd3 23.Qc3 Qe7 24.Qd4 Re8 25.Ra7**

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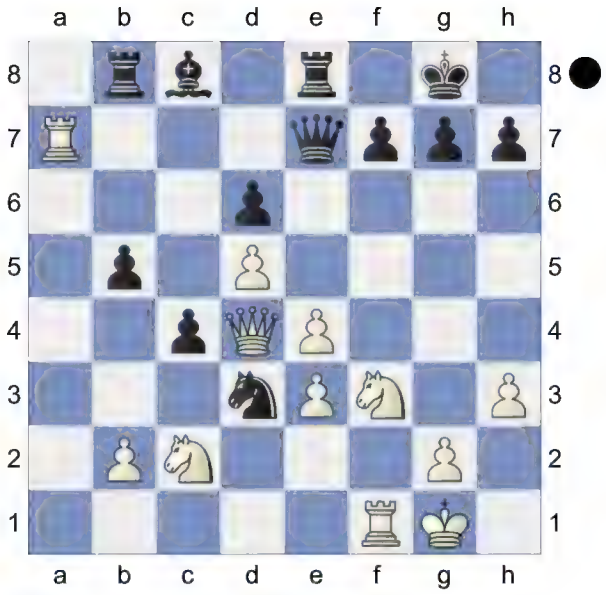

**Rb7**

[ 25...Qxe4? 26.Qxe4 *( 26.Rxf7 Qxd4 27.Nfxd4 Rb7= )* 26...Rxe4 27.Nd2+- ]

**26.Ra8 Bd7**

[ 26...Qxe4? 27.Qxe4 Rf8 28.Ng5+- ]

**27.Rxe8+ Bxe8 28.Nce1?** -2.38/24

[ 28.b3∓ -0.33/22 ]

**28...Nc1-+ 29.Qd1** Repels Ne2+

**29...Nb3 30.e5 Rd7**

[ 30...dxe5 31.d6 Qd7 *( 31...Rd7 32.Qxb3 Rxd6 33.Qb4± )* 32.Nxe5 ]

**31.Nd3** -3.32/22

[ 31.exd6 -2.18/21 was called for. Qxe3+ 32.Kh1 ]

**31...dxe5 32.e4**

[Much worse is 32.Ndxe5 Rd8 33.Qe2 Rxd5 34.Nxc4 bxc4 ]

**32...f6 33.Nc1 Nc5 34.Nd2 Ra7 35.Qg4 Bd7 36.Qg3 Ra1 37.Qc3 Nb7 38.Kh2 h6 39.b3** -4.48/24

[ ⌓39.Re1 -2.92/22 ]

**39...Qa3 40.Qc2 Nc5 41.bxc4**

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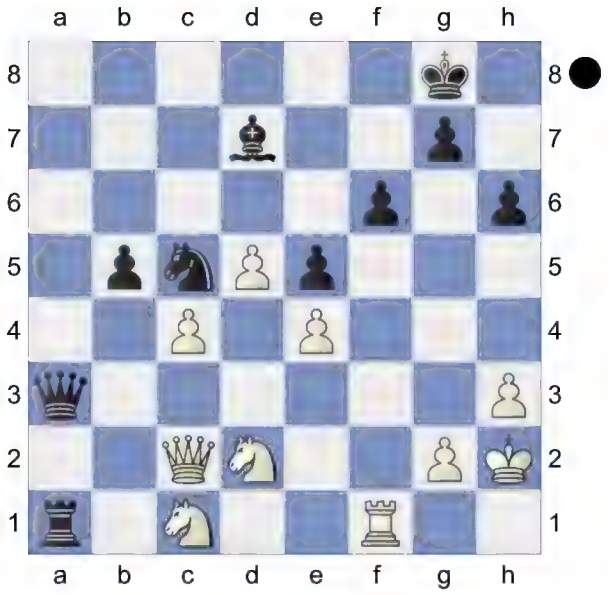
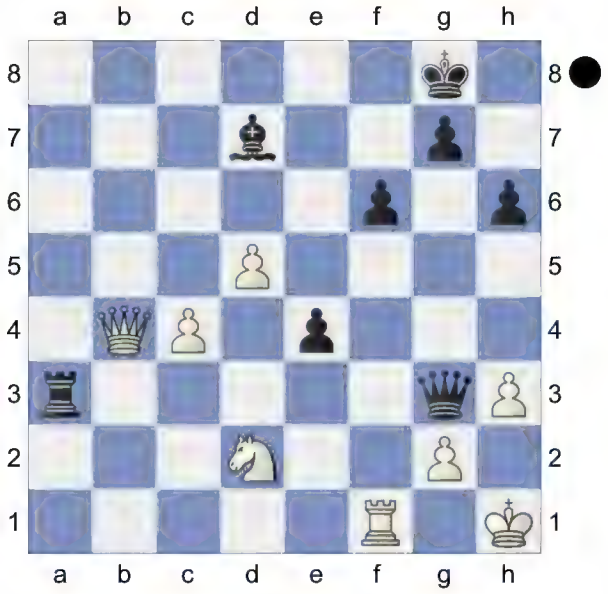
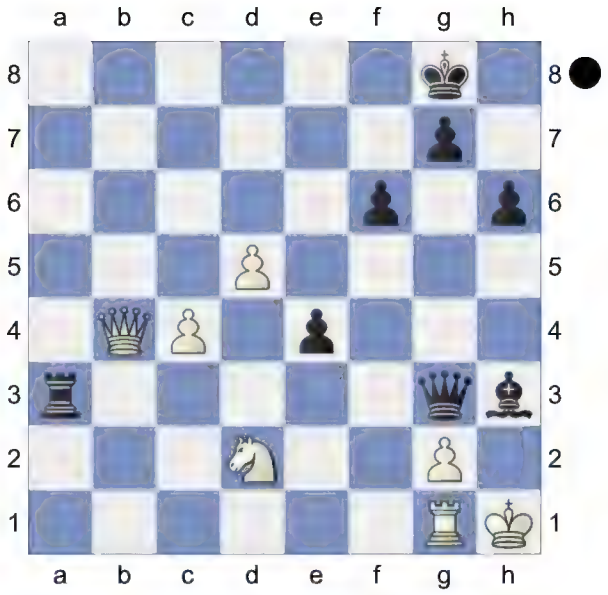


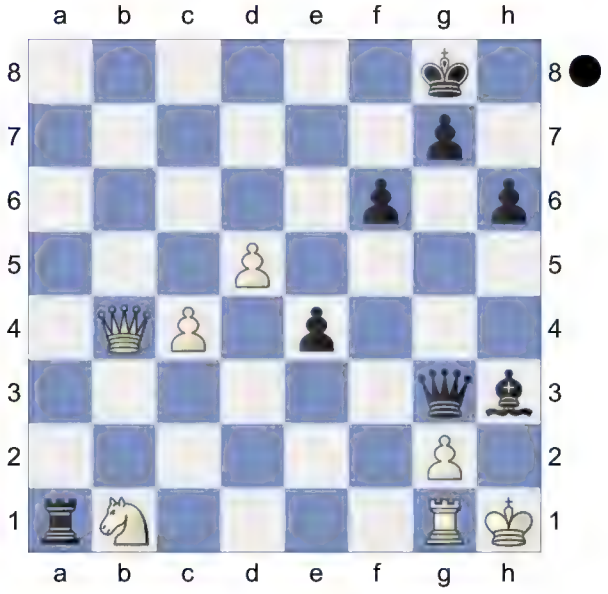
**b4** White is weak on the dark squares **42.Nb1 Qe3** -1.63/25
[ 42...Qa4 -4.29/23 43.Qb2 Nxe4 ]
**43.Qb2** And now Rf3 would win. **43...Ra4 44.Rf3 Qxe4** Black is much more active. **45.Nd2 Qh4** and ...Ra3! should not be overlooked **46.Ncb3 Nxb3 47.Qxb3** -9.24/24
[ 47.Rxb3 -1.68/24 Ra3 *( 47...Qf4+ 48.Kg1= )* 48.Rxb4 ]
**47...e4 48.Rf1 Ra3 49.Qxb4 Qg3+ 50.Kh1**



**Bxh3! 51.Rg1**



**Ra1!** Deflection **52.Nb1**
[ 52.Qb8+ Qxb8 ]



**52...Ra2! 53.Nd2**
[ 53.Qd2 Rxd2 ]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
**53...e3**
**0-1**

**130** **C78**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2733**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2755**
XXV SuperGM Morelia/Linares MEX/ES..
*[Tony Kosten]*

RR: 'Chess Informant: 'Chess Informant'' **1.e4** Marin,Mihail: 'Marin,M' **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.Na3** Black seems to be in some trouble in this line. **10...0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4** RR: '

' RR: '♘ *' **13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3**

[ 14.Qxf3 is too easy for Black, exd4 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 *( 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Qxf6 gxf6* leads to an opposite-colour bishop position leads to an opposite-colour bishop position*)* 16...dxc3 17.bxc3 Ne5 18.Qe2 Ng6 19.Bg3 Re8 with a quick draw, Polgar, J (2645)-Shirov, A (2690)/Linares 1997. ]

**14...Nh5 15.f4!** The safest, White gets some space on the kingside and rids himself of the doubled pawn. The safest, White gets some space on the kingside and rids himself of the doubled pawn.

[ 15.dxe5 was Karjakin's idea, but now it appears risky. was Karjakin's idea, but now it appears risky. Qh4 16.exd6 Ne5! Black's only chance, *( 16...Ng3?* is insufficient, see Ganguly, S (2559)-Gareev, T (2525), annotated by Olivier. *)*

**A)** 17.Nd4? Qh3 18.Ra3 Bc5 wins material wins material;

**B)** 17.dxc7?! 'A typical computer line!' - Olivier Qh3!! Hiarcs 12's answer! Hiarcs 12's answer! *( 17...Bxc7 18.Nxc7 Rbd8* is also promising, White must concede his queen is also promising, White must concede his queen *)* 18.cxb8Q Rxb8 and White is in big trouble, 19.Nd4 Bc7! *( 19...Bxd4 20.cxd4 Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 Qxf3 22.Bd1 Qh3 23.Ra5* defends *)* 20.f4 (the only move to avoid mate) Ng4 21.Qxg4 Qxg4+ 22.Kh1 Qh3 23.Rg1 Nxf4 with advantage.;

**C)** 17.Kg2! White must stop ...Qh3 17...cxd6 18.Nd4 Bxd4 *( 18...Ng6?! 19.Nf5 )* 19.cxd4 Ng6 20.Kh1 Ngf4 21.Ra3 d5! whether Black has enough compensation for two pawns is a moot point, but nevertheless, he will certainly have many tactical chances with his two knights hanging over the white king's head, for instance, whether Black has enough compensation for two pawns is a moot point, but nevertheless, he will certainly have many tactical chances with his two knights hanging over the white king's head, for instance, 22.e5 Rb6 23.Bf5 Rh6 24.Qc2 g5 and who would be White here? ]

**15...Nxf4!?**

[ 15...Qh4 is the alternative, and has scored well for Black so far: 16.fxe5 *( 16.Qf3 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Kh1 Ne7* followed by ...Ng6 was fine for Black in Kasimdzhanov, R (2690)-Anand, V (2801)/Moscow 2007. followed by ...Ng6 was fine for Black in Kasimdzhanov, R (2690)-Anand, V (2801)/Moscow 2007.*)* 16...dxe5 17.d5 Ne7 18.Qf3 Ng6 19.Kh1 Ngf4 Black has managed to establish one of his knights on f4, Black has managed to establish one of his knights on f4, 20.c4 *( 20.Na3! )* 20...Nh3 21.Be3 Gopal, G (2520)-Kasimdzhanov, R (2690)/Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2007, Gopal, G (2520)-Kasimdzhanov, R (2690)/Khanty-Mansiysk RUS 2007, f5! 22.exf5 Qxc4 23.Qxh3 Qxc2 24.Qxh5 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Rxb5 26.Rac1 Qe4+ 27.Qf3 Qxf3+ 28.Rxf3 e4 29.Rf4 Rxd5 30.Rxc7 Rdxf5 31.Rxe4 Rg5 with a likely draw. ]

**16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Qg4 Qf6** Marin,M: 'Shirov bravely repeats the variation that had led him to defeat against Leko, with the occasion of the recently played Tal Memorial. Obviously, he had prepared an improvement, but Carlsen (who, according to himself, did not expect such a consequent attitude from his opponent) came up with an over-the-board novelty first.'Marin,Mihail: 'Shirov bravely repeats the variation that had led him to defeat against Leko, with the occasion of the recently played Tal Memorial. Obviously, he had prepared an improvement, but Carlsen (who, according to himself, did not expect such a consequent attitude from his opponent) came up with an over-the-board novelty first.

' **18.Ra6!** A new move, White wants to bring his knight to c4, without allowing Black to play ...Ra8 and pin the knight on a3. Marin,M: '!?' '!?' Marin,M: 'With so many unstable black pieces along the 6th rank, this move is quite logical. In concrete terms, the threat Nxc7 looks (or could become later) annoying. Black's position in this whole line looks pretty difficult to play. His pieces are strongly restricted by the enemy centre and there is no obvious pawn break to be carried out. This explains why, like in the previous game, Shirov did not manage to come out of the opening with a reasonable position, despite being familiarized with its subtleties already.' Marin,Mihail: '!?' '!?' RR: 'N!?' 'N!?' A new move, White wants to bring his knight to c4, without allowing Black to play ...Ra8 and pin the knight on a3. Marin,Mihail: 'With so many unstable black pieces along the 6th rank, this move is quite logical. In concrete terms, the threat ♘xc7 looks (or could become later) annoying. Black's position in this whole line looks pretty difficult to play. His pieces are strongly restricted by the enemy centre and there is no obvious pawn break to be carried out. This explains why, like in the previous game, Shirov did not manage to come out of the opening with a reasonable position, despite being familiarized with its subtleties already.'

[ 18.b4 Marin,M: 'Leko,P (2755)-Shirov, A (2739)/Moscow 2007/CBM 122/[Marin] (1-0, 31)' Marin,Mihail: 'Leko,P (2755)-Shirov,A (2739)/Moscow 2007/CBM 122/[Marin] (1-0, 31)' RR: '& 101/247' RR: '& 101/247 Ü

101/247 Marin,Mi: 'Ü 101/247 & 101/247" Ne7 19.Na3 Ng6 *( 19...Ra8!* is the problem, *20.Nc4? Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Bxd4* wins a pawn.*)* 20.Nc4 was met by Bxd4! 21.cxd4 Qxd4 22.Na5 Qd2 23.Bb3 Ne5 24.Nc4 in Leko, P (2755)-Shirov, A (2739)/Moscow 2007, when in Leko, P (2755)-Shirov, A (2739)/Moscow 2007, when Qxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Nxg4 26.Rxf4 Rxb4 27.Rf3 is only a bit better for White - the lack of pawns makes a draw likely although Black will have a lot of suffering to do before White agrees to split the point. is only a bit better for White - the lack of pawns makes a draw likely although Black will have a lot of suffering to do before White agrees to split the point. ]

**18...Ne7** Marin,M: '?!' '?!' Marin,M: 'The same move he had played against Leko and I believe that the same evaluation applies here: Black defines his knight's intentions too quickly, releasing the pressure against the central e5- and d4-squares. Black could look for ways to slightly improve his position.' Marin, Mihail: '?!' '?!' RR: 'Chess Informant: '?!" RR: 'Chess Informant: '?!' Marin,Mi: '?!" Marin,Mihail: 'The same move he had played against Leko and I believe that the same evaluation applies here: Black defines his knight's intentions too quickly, releasing the pressure against the central e5- and d4-squares. Black could look for ways to slightly improve his position.'

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more flexible structure. Besides, Black has no bad pieces here.Marin,Mihail: 'The safer position of Black's king compensates for White's more flexible structure. Besides, Black has no bad pieces here.') 21...Bb8 *( 21...Bb6? 22.e5± )* 22.Bf3 *( 22.Kh1 Re8; 22.Be2? Rxe2! 23.Qxe2 Qg5+ 24.Kh1 f3!! 25.Qxf3 Qb5-+* White's far from obvious problems of coordination are revealed in this elegant line.Marin,Mihail: 'White's far from obvious problems of coordination are revealed in this elegant line.'*; 22.e5 Qe7 23.exd6 Bxd6∞* White's pawns are not easy to advance, but his king could get into danger.Marin,Mihail: 'White's pawns are not easy to advance, but his king could get into danger.' *24.c4 Rd2 25.d5 Ra8∓ )* 22...Re8 23.Ra1 h5 24.Qg2 Qh4⇄ RR: 'Δ ♖e7-b7' ]

**19.Na3** The knight heads for c4, and White will follow with b4 given the chance, burying the b6-bishop. RR: 'Chess Informant: '[♦ ♦c4 γb6]" The knight heads for c4, and White will follow with b4 given the chance, burying the b6-bishop. **19...c6!** Black prepares the bishop's escape. Black prepares the bishop's escape.

[ 19...d5!? 20.exd5 Rfd8 *( 20...Nxd5?? 21.Qh5 )* 21.Nc4 Rxd5 is worth consideration, bringing White's weakened kingside back into the equation, is worth consideration, bringing White's weakened kingside back into the equation, 22.Qf3 Qh4 but White is better here, after 23.Re1 ]

[ 19...Ra8 RR: ' ⌓' '⌓' 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.Nc4± RR: 'Van Kampen - Bok,B, Nederland 2009' ]

**20.Nc4 Bc7 21.Ra7** Marin,M: 'Now, Black's pieces are hanging along the 7th rank already...'Marin,Mihail: 'Now, Black's pieces are hanging along the 7th rank already...' **21...Rbc8 22.e5!** Marin,M: ' ±!' '±!' Marin,M: 'Forcing the enemy queen to occupy a passive position and opening lines for the activation of his own pieces.' Marin, Mihail: ' ±!' '±!' RR: 'Chess Informant: '!" RR: 'Chess Informant: '!' Marin,Mi: '!" Marin,Mihail: 'Forcing the enemy queen to occupy a passive position and opening lines for the activation of his own pieces.' **22...dxe5 23.dxe5 Qh6**

[ 23...Bxe5? is impossible because... Black had not found the time to play... g6: Marin,Mihail: 'is impossible because... Black had not found the time to play...g6:' 24.Qh5+- RR: '♕h7, ♗e5' ]

**24.Rd1 Nd5** Else Rd7. **25.Be4** RR: ' ±' '±' **25...Rfd8?!** Logical, but Black has two better tries:

[ 25...Ra8! 26.Rxa8 *( 26.Rb7!? Ra4 27.b3 Ra6 28.Rd3 Ra1+ 29.Kg2 f3+!? 30.Rxf3 Qc1* looks like fun*)* 26...Rxa8 aims for counterplay on the a-file, 27.Rd3 *( 27.Bxd5?! cxd5 28.Rxd5?? Qc6* wins. *)* 27...Qe6! 28.Bf5 Qe7 with at least equality. with at least equality. ]

[ 25...Rce8 hits the e-pawn, 26.Rd3 Bxe5 27.Rh3 Nf6! 28.Rxh6 Nxg4 29.Bxh7+ Kh8 30.Rh3 Nh6 but White is still a bit better, after 31.Bd3 as his c-pawn is weak. ]

**26.Rd3!** The threat of Rh3 is difficult to counter. RR: ' ±' '±' RR: 'Carlsen,M (2733)-Shirov,A (2755) Morelia/Linares 2008 Great Players 123 [Chess Informant]' RR: 'Carlsen,M (2733)-Shirov, A (2755) Morelia/Linares 2008 Great Players 123 [Chess Informant] Marin,Mi:

'Carlsen,M (2733)-Shirov,A (2755) Morelia/Linares 2008 [Marin,Mi]" The threat of Rh3 is difficult to counter.

**26...g6** Marin,M: 'More or less forced already, but look at Black's queen!' Marin,Mihail: 'More or less forced already, but look at Black's queen!'

**27.Bxd5**

[ Marin,M: 'He could also have tried to increase his pressure slowly with' Marin,Mihail: 'He could also have tried to increase his pressure slowly with' 27.Ra6 may be even stronger, Marin, M: ' ±!?' ' ±!?' Marin,Mihail: ' ±!?' ' ±!?' Ne7 28.Rh3 Qg7 29.Qh4 Kf8 30.Qxf4 with an extra pawn and the better position. ]

**27...cxd5 28.Rxd5!**

[ 28.Nd6!? Bxd6 29.exd6 Rc6 30.Rh3 Qg7 31.Qxf4 Rcxd6 32.Rf3 R6d7 and Black defends. ]

**28...Rxd5 29.Qxc8+ Kg7!**

A good practical try.

[ 29...Bd8 30.Rd7 Qg5+ 31.Kf1 f3 32.Ne3 Rxd7 33.Qxd7 Be7 34.e6 should win. ]

**30.Qg4!** White keeps a little plus without risk. Marin,M: '?!' '?!' Marin,M: 'Not really a bad move, since White maintains excellent practical chances.' Marin,Mihail: '?!' '?!'Marin,Mihail: 'Not really a bad move, since White maintains excellent practical chances.'

[ Marin,M: 'However, as the following analysis provided by Frederic Friedel proves, White could have captured the bishop and avoided perpetual check: "' Marin,Mihail: 'However, as the following analysis provided by Frederic Friedel proves, White could have captured the bishop and avoided perpetual check: "' 30.Rxc7 is almost impossible to calculate correctly, but maybe doesn't win: is almost impossible to calculate correctly, but maybe doesn't win: Qg5+ *( 30...Rd1+ 31.Kg2 f3+ 32.Kg3 Rg1+ 33.Kxf3* and the checks soon peter out*)* 31.Kf1 Rd1+ 32.Ke2 Qg1

**A)** 33.Qe6 Qe1+ 34.Kf3 Rd3+ 35.Ne3 leads to a perpetual after leads to a perpetual after Rxe3+ 36.fxe3 *( 36.Kg2 Kh6! 37.Rxf7 Rxe5 )* 36...Qxe3+;

**B)** 33.Rxf7+! Kxf7 34.Nd6+ Kg7 35.Qd7+ Kh6 36.Nf7+ Kg7 37.Qxd1 f3+ 38.Kd2 Qxf2+ 39.Kc1 so far all forced,

**B1)** 39...Kxf7? 40.Qd7+ Kg8 41.e6 Qe1+ 42.Kc2 Qe4+ 43.Kb3 Qf5 *( 43...f2?? 44.Qf7+ )* 44.Qd8+ Kg7 45.e7 Qf7+ 46.Kb4 f2 47.e8Q and the queenside pawns will bring home the bacon;

**B2)** 39...Qe3+ 40.Qd2 *( 40.Kc2 f2 )*

**B2a)** 40...Qg1+? 41.Kc2 f2 fails to *( 41...Kxf7 42.Qd7+ Kg8 43.e6 Qxh2+ 44.Kb1* and with his king finding safety White can use his e-pawn to win. Marin,Mihail: 'and with his king finding safety White can use his e-pawn to win.'*)* 42.Nd8! *( 42.Ng5 Qxg5 43.Qxg5 f1Q 44.Qf6+* wins for WhiteMarin,Mihail: 'wins for White'*)* 42...f1Q 43.Ne6+ and Black gets mated! and Black gets mated!;

**B2b)** 40...f2 41.Qxe3 f1Q+ 42.Kc2 Kxf7 doesn't look at all appealing Marin,Mihail:

'doesn't look at all appealing';
**B2c)** 40...Qa7! Marin,M: 'threatening ...f2, ...f1Q and after Qxf1 Qa1+ with Qxf1+-' Marin,Mihail: 'threatening ...f2, ...f1♕ and after ♕xf1 ♕a1+ with ♕xf1+-' 41.Qg5 *( 41.Qh6+ Kg8 )* 41...Qxf7 42.Kd2 (to menace Qf6+) Qa2 and the f2-pawn gives Black some chances, for instance and the f2-pawn gives Black some chances, for instance 43.Qf6+ Kg8
**B2c1)** 44.Qd8+ Kg7 45.Qd7+ *( 45.Qe7+ Kg8 46.Qb4 f2 47.Ke2 Qf7 48.Kf1 Qf3* White has good chances to win." Marin,Mihail: 'White has good chances to win."') 45...Kh6 46.Kc2;
**B2c2)** 44.Qxf3?! Qxb2+ 45.Kd3 Qxh2 ]

**30...Bxe5**
[ 30...Rc5 31.Nd2 Bxe5 32.Qd7 Qg5+ 33.Kf1 Qf5 34.Qxf5 gxf5 35.Ke2 is untenable for Black. is untenable for Black. ]
**31.h4!** To stop a possible ...Rg5.
**31...Bb8**
[ 31...Bf6!? might be a better try, might be a better try, 32.Qe6 Rd1+ 33.Kg2 f3+ (forced) 34.Kxf3 Qh5+ 35.Kg2 Qd5+ 36.Qxd5 Rxd5 reaching an ending where Black will win the h-pawn and can try to advance his own kingside majority. reaching an ending where Black will win the h-pawn and can try to advance his own kingside majority. 37.Ra5 *( 37.f4!? Rd3 38.Ne5 Bxe5 39.fxe5 Kf8! )* 37...Rxa5 38.Nxa5 Bxh4 39.b4 Kf6 40.b5 Ke6 41.c4 Be7 and Black can hold. ]
**32.Rb7 Rd8 33.Kg2 Kg8 34.Qg5?!**
[ 34.Na5! Bd6 35.Nc6 Re8 36.Rd7 shows Black's main problem here, his inferior minor piece. ]
**34...Qf8 35.Qf6?! Re8 36.b4 Re6 37.Qd4 Qc8?!** Both players were probably short of time which explains the imprecisions over the last few moves. Both players were probably short of time which explains the imprecisions over the last few moves.
[ 37...Bc7!! is the sort of move Shirov would never miss, 38.Qa7 pretty much forced, pretty much forced, *( 38.Rxc7?? Qa8+ 39.Kh2 Re1* wins! *)* 38...Qd8 *( 38...f3+!? 39.Kxf3 Qd8* might also be sufficient*)* 39.Rxc7 Qd5+ 40.Kh2 Qd8! 41.Kh3 Qd3+ with a repetition. ]
**38.Rd7 Qc6+ 39.Qd5 Qxd5+ 40.Rxd5 Rc6 41.Nd2**
[ 41.Na5! Rd6 *( 41...Rxc3?? 42.Rd8+ Kg7 43.Rxb8 )* 42.c4 Rxd5 43.cxd5 Kf8 44.b5 Ke8 45.b6 and wins, Black can't stop b7 and Nc6. ]
**41...f3+!** A neat resource. A neat resource. **42.Nxf3 Kg7 43.Rd8 Bc7 44.Rd7**
[ 44.Rd3 Rc4 leaves White with difficult problems to solve to advance his queenside pawns, e.g. leaves White with difficult problems to solve to advance his queenside pawns, e.g. 45.Kf1 h5 46.Ke2 Re4+ 47.Re3 Rg4 48.Re7 Bd8 49.Re8 Bb6 *( 49...Bxh4? 50.b5 )* 50.Rb8 Re4+ etc. ]
**44...Rxc3 45.Ng5 Kg8 46.Ne4! Rc4**
[ 46...Rc2 ]
**47.Nf6+ Kf8**
[ 47...Kg7?? 48.Ne8+ forks king and

bishop. ]

**48.Nxh7+ Ke8 49.Nf6+ Kf8 50.Nd5 Be5 51.b5! Rxh4** Black is successfully reducing the pawns, but the b-pawn is very strong supported by White's excellent pieces. Black is successfully reducing the pawns, but the b-pawn is very strong supported by White's excellent pieces. **52.b6 Rd4 53.Kf3 Kg7 54.Ke3 Ra4?** A strange move.

[ 54...Rd1! maintains the pin, 55.Ke4 Re1+ 56.Ne3 Bb8 57.f4 Rb1 58.Nd5 Re1+ 59.Kd4 Rd1+ and Black is still fighting. and Black is still fighting. ]

**55.b7 Ra3+** The rook should be ready to go behind the pawn, of course, but can't anymore. The rook should be ready to go behind the pawn, of course, but can't anymore. **56.Ke4 Bh2 57.Nc7?!**

[ 57.f4! is also pretty effective, cutting the bishop's diagonal. is also pretty effective, cutting the bishop's diagonal. Rb3 58.Kd4 ]

**57...Rb3 58.Ne6+ Kf6 59.Nd8 g5 60.Rxf7+ Kg6 61.Rd7** White has won a pawn but he is still far from being able to queen his b-pawn. White has won a pawn but he is still far from being able to queen his b-pawn. **61...g4 62.Ne6**

[ 62.Nc6! Kf6 *( 62...Rb2 63.Ne5+ )* 63.Rh7 g3 64.fxg3 Bxg3 65.Kd5 would reach a position similar to the game without allowing Black to draw. would reach a position similar to the game without allowing Black to draw. ]

**62...g3?** Exchanging another pawn, but Exchanging another pawn, but

[ 62...Rb2! 63.Ke3 Rb3+ might hold - White can't give up the f2-pawn as then the black g-pawn would become very strong. might hold - White can't give up the f2-pawn as then the black g-pawn would become very strong. ]

**63.fxg3 Bxg3 64.Kd5 Rb1 65.Kc6 Rc1+ 66.Nc5 Bb8 67.Rd5 Ba7 68.Kd7 Bb8 69.Ne6! Kf6 70.Rc5** The position without rooks is a text book win for White. **70...Rb1**

[ 70...Rxc5? 71.Nxc5 Kf5 72.Kc8 Ba7 *( 72...Be5 73.Na6 Ke6 74.Nc7+ )* 73.Na4 Ke6 74.Nc3 and Nb5 forces the bishop to leave a7. ]

**71.Nd8 Bh2 72.Rc6+ Ke5 73.Rc1 Rb3 74.Rc2 Bf4 75.Kc6 Kf5 76.Rc5+ Kf6 77.Kd7 Rb1 78.Kc8 Bh2 79.Rc6+ Ke5??** A blunder, but Marin,M: 'A terrible blunder in a probably defensible position. The king had crossed this diagonal before, but the b8-square was not controlled by the enemy king at that moment.' Marin,Mihail: 'A terrible blunder in a probably defensible position. The king had crossed this diagonal before, but the b8-square was not controlled by the enemy king at that moment.'

[ 79...Kf5 80.Ne6 Marin,M: '!?' '!?' Marin,Mihail: '!?' '!?' Rg1 (else Nc7) Marin,M: '!' '!' Marin,M: '(Only this rook transfer keeps the game going.)' Marin,Mihail: '!' '!'Marin,Mihail: '(Only this rook transfer keeps the game going.)' 81.Rc2 *( 81.Nc7 Rg8+ 82.Kd7 Rg7+ 83.Kd8 Rg8+ 84.Ne8 Rh8 )* 81...Bd6 82.Nc7 Rg8+ 83.Kd7 Rb8 84.Rb2 wins anyway. ]

**80.b8Q+**

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**131** **C78**
□ **Arnold,Rhys** **2583**
■ **Dujardin,M** **2427**
65/480 Ljubljana (9) 21.12.2022
*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8 10.axb5**

[ 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]

**10...axb5 11.Qd3N**

[ 11.Na3

**A)** 11...0-0 12.Nxb5 exd4 13.cxd4 Bg4 14.Be3 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Qe8 *( 15...Na5 16.Qxe4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxb3 18.Ra3 Na5 19.Rc1 d5 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Rac3 Ba5 22.Bxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxc7 Qxc7 24.b3 Rb4 25.bxc4 Rxc4* ½-½ Dominguez Perez,L (2610)-Charbonneau,P (2442) 88/(138) Buenos Aires 2003 *)* 16.Ba4 Bd7 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne7 19.c4 Bxa4 20.Rxa4 Nf5 21.Ra3 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Qc6 23.Ng5 g6 24.Qd3 Qd7 Chirila,I (2485)-Anton,T (2350) Budva 106/(95) 2009;

**B)** 11...Ba6 12.Re1 h6 13.Nc2 Bb7 14.Ne3 0-0 15.Nf5 Ne7 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C4 2000 ]

**11...0-0 12.Bg5 exd4 13.cxd4** White is slightly better. **13...h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Nh5 16.Nc3**

[ 16.Qxb5 Bd7 17.Qd3 Nxg3 18.hxg3 *( 18.fxg3 Qf6∓ )* 18...g4-+ ]

**16...Bg4 17.Nd5**

[ 17.Qxb5 Nxd4 *( 17...Bxd4 18.Qxc6 Bxf3 19.gxf3± )* 18.Nxd4 Bxd4-+ ]

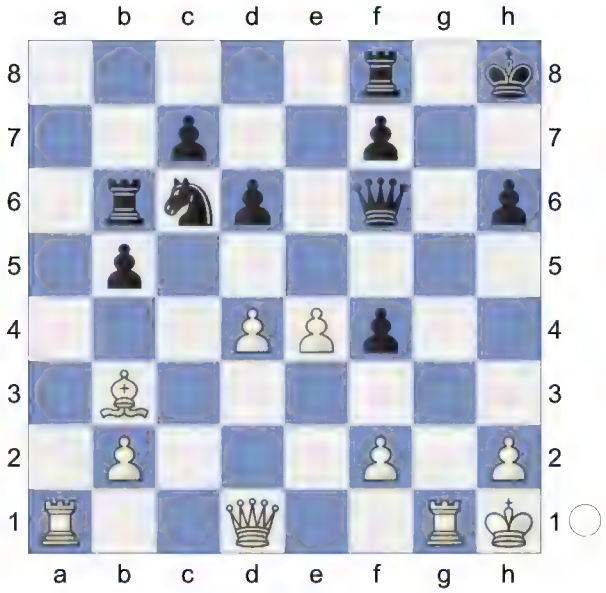
**17...Bxf3 18.Nxb6 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rxb6 20.Qd1↑** White has good play.

[ 20.f4 d5 ...dxe4 is the strong threat. 21.e5 Nb4 Wards off Bc2 22.Qe2 0.01/21 *( 22.Qc3± 0.72/23 gxf4 23.Bxf4 )* 22...Nxf4+!= 23.Bxf4 gxf4 24.Kh1 Rg6 25.Rxf4 Kh8 26.Raf1 ]

**20...Nf4+ 21.Bxf4 gxf4 22.Kh1 Qf6** 1.50/26

[ Black should play 22...Kh8± 0.49/25 ]

**23.Rg1+!± Kh8**

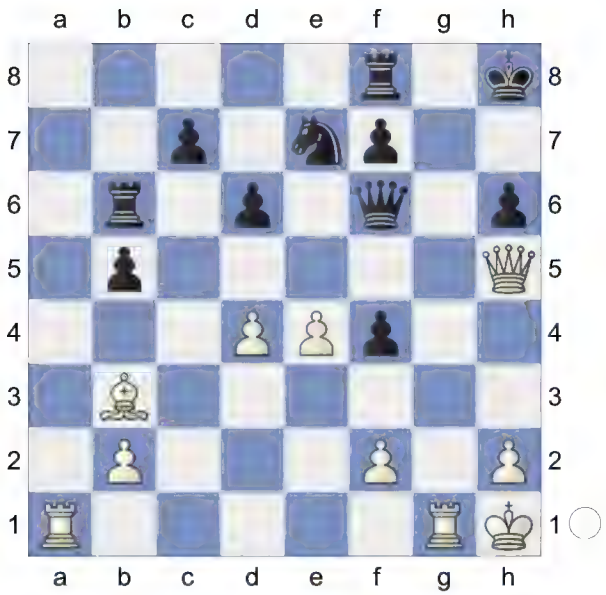



**24.Qh5! Ne7** 2.05/23

[ 24...Nxd4? 25.Bxf7 Rxf7 26.Rg6+- ]

[ 24...d5± 1.08/25 ]

(Diagram)



**25.Rac1!+- d5 26.exd5** 0.18/26
[ 26.Bxd5± 1.21/26 Nxd5 27.Qxd5 *( 27.exd5 c6± )*]
**26...Qf5 27.Qf3**
[ 27.Qe2 simplifies Nxd5 28.Qe5+ Qxe5 29.dxe5 c6 30.Rcd1 ]
**27...Rg6 28.Rge1 Qg5 29.Qh3** Active counter play!
[ 29.Rxc7 Rfg8 *( 29...Nf5? 30.Qh3-+ )* 30.h3 *( 30.Rcxe7? Qg1+* Back Rank *31.Rxg1 Rxg1# )* 30...Nf5 31.Rxf7 Nxd4-+ ]
**29...Nf5?** 6.81/26
[ 29...Nxd5? 30.Rg1 Qf6 31.Rxg6 *( 31.Bxd5 Rxg1+ 32.Rxg1 c6+- )* 31...Qxg6 32.Bxd5+- ]
[ 29...f3= 0.29/24 ]
**30.Bc2 Nxd4 31.Bxg6 fxg6 32.Re4**
[ 32.Rxc7 Qxd5+ 33.Qg2 Nf3+- ]
**32...Nf5 33.Qc3+ Ng7 34.Re5**
[ 34.Qxc7 Qxd5 35.f3 Kh7 36.Rxf4 Rxf4 37.Qxf4 Qb3+- ]
**34...Qh4 35.Qf3 g5 36.Rg1 Rd8 37.h3 Rd6 38.Kh2 b4 39.Rg2 Qh5 40.Qe4 Rf6 41.Re7**
[ 41.Qxb4 Kh7 42.Qe4+ Qg6+- ]
**41...Rf7 42.Rxf7 Qxf7** Endgame KQR-KQN **43.Rg1**
[ 43.Qxb4 Qxd5 44.Qc3 Kg8 45.Qxc7 Nf5± ]
**43...Nf5 44.Rc1 Nd6 45.Qxb4 Kh7 46.Qc5 Ne8 47.Qc2+ Kg7 48.Qc3+ Kg6 49.Re1 Ng7 50.Qc2+ Kh5 51.Re5 Qf6 52.Qe2+ Kg6 53.Qe4+ Kh5 54.b4 Qb6 55.Kg2 Qf6 56.Kh2?** -0.01/19
[ 56.h4+- 17.21/24 f3+ 57.Kg3 *( 57.Qxf3+ Kg6+- )*]
**56...Qb6!= 57.Kg1 Qf6 58.Kg2 Qf8 59.b5 Qf6 60.Kh2 Qf8 61.Re7 Qf6 62.Re5?** 0.01/22
[White should try 62.Rxc7+- 14.70/23 Strongly threatening Qf3+. Qf5 63.Qxf5 Nxf5 64.b6 ]
**62...Qb6?** 9.29/26
[ 62...Qf8= 0.01/22 63.Re7 f3 ]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.91
**63.Kg2?** 0.01/59 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
[ 63.Qe2++- 9.29/26 f3 64.Qxf3+ Kg6 65.Kg2 ]
**1-0**

**132** **C78**
□ **Shirov,Alexei** **2648**
■ **Farahat,Ali** **2321**
Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Feb Early ..
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Nf6 7.c3 d6 8.a4**
[ 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7

22.Qe3 g5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**8...Bg4**

[ 8...Bb7 9.d4 Bb6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]

**9.h3 Bh5 10.d3N**

[ 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8 Qxa8 12.d3 0-0 13.Bg5 Nd7 14.Bd5 h6 15.Bh4 Qa6 16.b4 Ba7 17.Nbd2 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 ]

**10...Rb8** 0.65/20 10...Na5 gains popularity. 10...Sa5 wird beliebter.

[ 10...Na5= 0.24/20 ]

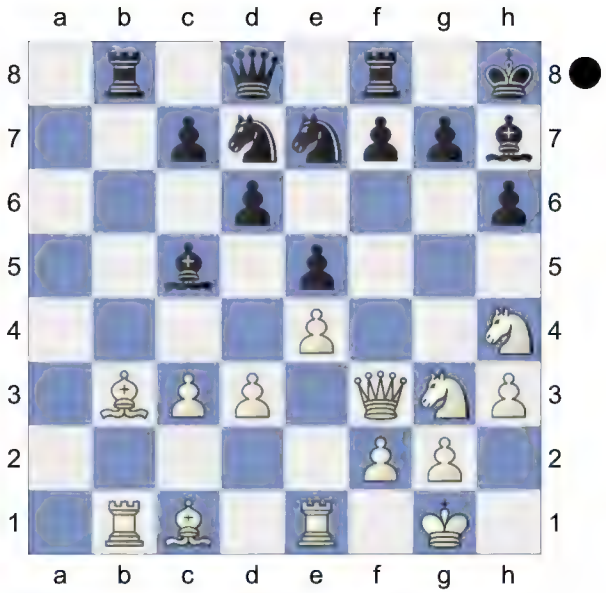
**11.axb5 axb5** White is slightly better. **12.Nbd2 0-0 13.Re1 b4 14.Ba4 bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne7 16.Nf1 Nd7** 0.70/22

[ 16...Bxf3= 0.20/22 17.Qxf3 Ng6 ]

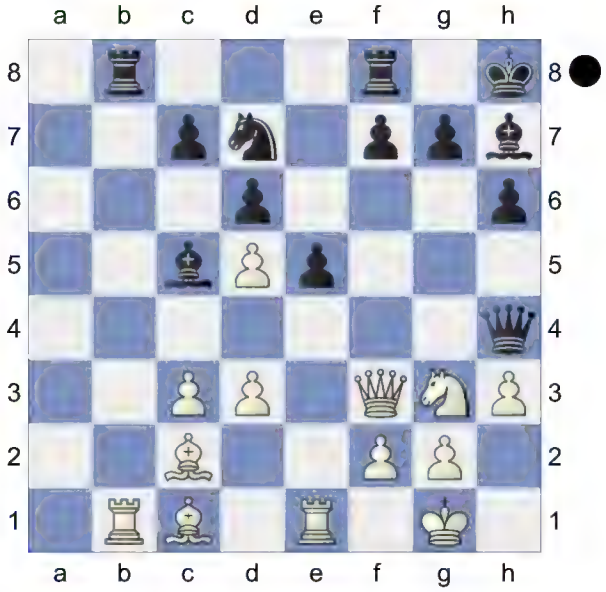
**17.Ng3↑** White is more active. **17...Bg6 18.d4N**

[ 18.Bb3 0.51/21 18.d4 0.87 h6 19.Rb1 0.07/21 *( 19.Re2± 0.56/19* is more appropriate.*)* 19...Kh8 20.Nh4 Bh7 21.Qf3 -0.74/21 *( 21.Ra1=* 0.09/20 remains equal. *)*

(Diagram)



21...Nd5!∓ 22.exd5 -1.98/22 *( 22.Bd2∓* -0.76/21 is a better defense. *)* 22...Qxh4-+ 23.Bc2



Rxb1! 24.Bxb1 ½-½ (36) Almasi,Z (2595)-Shirov,A (2690) Porzellan Cup rapid 1997 (25) ]

**18...exd4 19.cxd4 Bb4 20.Re2** 0.54/20

[ 20.Bd2± 1.02/21 ]

**20...c5 21.d5 Ra8 22.Bb2 Nb6 23.Bb5 Qb8** 1.54/23

[ ⌓23...f6 0.87/21 ]

**24.Nh4** White is much more active.

**24...Rxa1 25.Qxa1** This move loses the

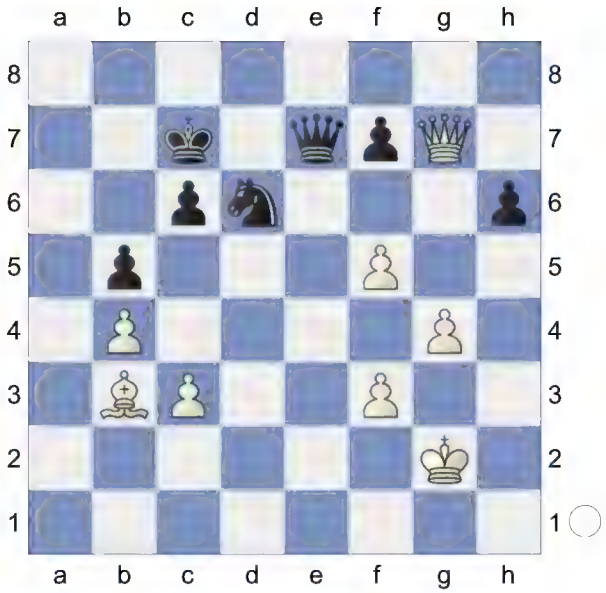
game for Black. **25...Nbxd5?** 8.58/23
[ 25...f6± 1.57/22 26.Rc2 Qa8 ]
**26.exd5+- Qxb5 27.Rxe7 Qc4 28.Bxg7 Qxh4 29.Bxf8 Kxf8 30.Ra7 Qd4 31.Qxd4 cxd4** Endgame KRN-KB **32.Ra4 Bc5 33.Kf1** Black must now prevent Ke2. **33...d3** 6.27/27
[ 33...Ke7 2.14/22 34.Ke2 Bc2 ]
**34.Ke1** White is clearly winning. **34...Kg7 35.Ne4 d2+ 36.Kxd2 Bxe4 37.Rxe4 Bxf2 38.Rg4+ Kf8 39.Kd3 Bc5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.75
**40.Ke4**
**1-0**

**133** **C78**
□ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2612**
■ **Kleiman,Jake** **2399**
Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late bl..
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.a4!** now scores much better than the old 8.c3. punktet besser als das ältere 8. c3. **8...Rb8 9.axb5 axb5 10.h3 0-0 11.Nc3**
[ 11.Re1 h6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 Ne7 14.c3 c5 15.d4 Ng6 16.Nbd2 Qe7 17.Nf1 Nf4 18.Ng3 g6 19.Qd2 Kg7 20.Bc2 b4 21.cxb4 cxb4 22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Bb3 Rd8 24.Qc2 Bxh3 25.gxh3 Rbc8 0-1 (37) Hansen,E (2579)-Mamedyarov,S (2746) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (5) ]
**11...h6 12.Be3 Bb6N**
[ 12...Nd7 13.Nd5 Ne7 14.c3 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Nf6 17.Ba2 b4 18.Qe1 bxc3 19.bxc3 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.c4 Rb3 22.Qd1 Qb8 23.Rb1 Rxb1 24.Qxb1 Qa7 25.Qc1 Nd7 26.d4 exd4 27.exd4 ½-½ (50) Olmo,J (2310)-21.Qc4 (2442) corr WS/MN/B/48 2022 (7.1) Ne5 28.c5 Nxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Qa4 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Qc3 Qc6 32.Qf3+ Kg8 33.cxd6 cxd6 34.Qg4 Qc4 35.Kh2 Qxd4 36.Qxe6+ Kf8 37.Qc8+ Ke7 38.Qf5 Qe5+ 39.Qxe5+ dxe5 40.Kg3 Kd6 41.Kg4 g6 42.h4 ½-½ (50) Mushini,A (2310)-Atalik,S (2442) Ecka Rain Band 1st 2023 (7.1) ]
**13.Bxb6 Rxb6 14.Ra8 Qe7 15.Qd2N**
[Predecessor: 15.Qe2 Bb7 16.Rxf8+ Kxf8 17.Nh4 -0.93/24 *( 17.Nd5=* 0.19/22 *Nxd5 18.Bxd5 )* 17...Nd4∓ 18.Qe3 Bc6 -0.15/24 *( 18...b4∓* -0.79/22 *19.Ne2 Nxb3 20.cxb3 Qe6 )* 19.f4 Nxb3 20.cxb3 exf4 21.Qxf4 1-0 (49) Vallejo Diaz,J (2365)-Pandey,S (2177) Chess.com INT 2022 ]
**15...Bd7** 0.42/24
[ 15...Be6= 0.06/23 16.Rxf8+ Qxf8 ]
**16.Rxf8+** 0.01/24
[ 16.Rfa1!± 0.42/24 ]
**16...Qxf8= 17.Ra1 Rb8 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Ne7 20.Bb3 Ra8 21.Ra5 Ng6 22.Qe1 Nf4 23.Qa1 Bc6** 0.01/22
[ 23...Rxa5∓ -0.35/22 24.Qxa5 Qc8 ]
**24.Qa2 Rxa5 25.Qxa5 Qb8 26.Kf1 Bd7 27.Ng1 Kf8 28.Ne2 Ne6 29.c3 Nc5 30.Bc2 Bc6 31.b4 Ne6 32.Bb3 Qb7 33.f3 d5 34.Qa2 dxe4 35.dxe4 Nd8 36.h4 Qb6 37.Qd2 Ke8 38.Ng3 Bd7 39.Nf5 Bxf5 40.exf5** Endgame KQB-KQN **40...Qf6 41.Qd3 c6 42.g3 Nb7 43.Qe4 Kd7 44.Ke2 Nd6 45.Qd3** -1.09/23
[ 45.Qe3= -0.01/24 ]

**45...Kc7** -0.01/22
[ 45...Qxf5∓ -1.09/23 46.Qe3 e4 ]
**46.g4?** -2.10/27
[ 46.Bc2= -0.01/22 ]
**46...Qxh4-+ 47.Qe3 Kb7?** 0.01/22
[ 47...Qh2+-+ -2.04/24 48.Kd3 Kb7 ]
**48.Qxe5= Qd8** 1.50/26
[ 48...Qf6?! 49.Qxf6 gxf6 50.Kf2+- ]
[ 48...Nc4!= 0.01/25 keeps the balance. 49.Bxc4 *( 49.Qxg7? Qh2+ 50.Kf1 Nd2+ 51.Ke1 Nxf3+ 52.Kf1 Ne5-+ )* 49...bxc4 ]
**49.Ke3** 0.01/24 White is more active.
[ 49.Qxg7± 1.50/26 Qe7+ 50.Kd2 ]
**49...Kc7?** 3.03/25
[ 49...f6= 0.01/24 50.Qe6 Qb6+ 51.Kd3 Qc7 ]
**50.Kf2?** 0.01/24
[ 50.Qxg7 Qh4 51.Qd4 Qe1+ 52.Kf4 f6 53.Qa7+ *( 53.Qxf6 Qc1+ 54.Kg3 Qe1+ 55.Kg2 Qe2+ 56.Kg3 Qe1+ 57.Kg2 Qe2+ 58.Kg3 Qe1+= )* 53...Nb7± ]
[ 50.Bxf7+- 3.03/25 Qf6 51.Qxf6 gxf6 52.Bb3 ]
**50...Qh4+**
[ 50...Qg5 51.Bxf7 Qd2+ 52.Kg3 Qc1 ]
**51.Kg2 Qd8?** 2.62/26
[ 51...Qg5!= 0.01/22 and Black is okay. ]
**52.Qxg7** 1.39/24
[ 52.Bxf7+- 2.62/26 Black must now prevent Kh3!. Kb7 53.Bb3 *( 53.Qxg7 Qe7= )*]
**52...Qe7±**

(Diagram)



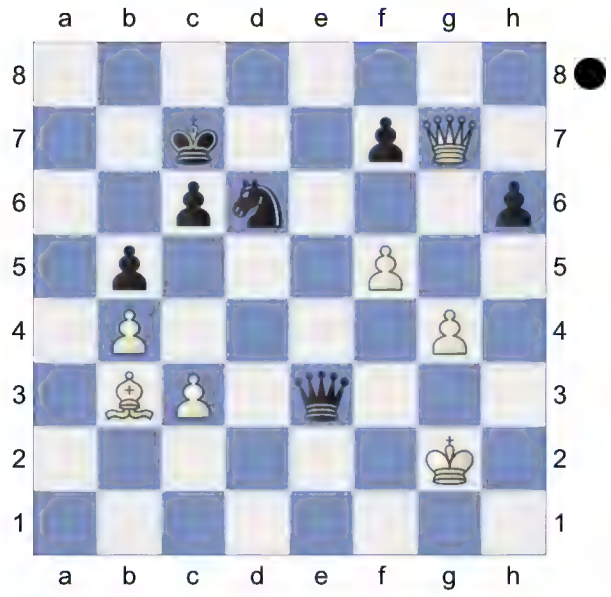
**53.Kf2** 0.01/21 Prevents Qe2+.
[ 53.Qxh6 Qe2+ 54.Kg3 Qe1+ 55.Kg2 Qe2+ *( 55...Qxc3 56.Qf8= )* 56.Kg3 Qe1+ 57.Kg2 Qe2+= ]
[ 53.Qd4!+- 1.65/25 ]
**53...Qh4+= 54.Kg1** -0.40/28
[ 54.Kg2= 0.01/26 Qe1 55.Qd4 *( 55.Qxh6 Qe2+ 56.Kg3 Qe1+ 57.Kg2 Qe2+ 58.Kg3 Qe1+ 59.Kg2= )*]
**54...Qg3+∓ 55.Kf1 Qxf3+ 56.Kg1?** -5.87/30
[ 56.Ke1∓ -0.51/26 ]
**56...Qe3+-+ 57.Kg2 Qe4+** -0.23/24
[ 57...Ne4-+ -5.42/29 58.Qd4 *( 58.Qxf7+ Kb6 59.Kh1 Qe1+ 60.Kg2 Qg3+ 61.Kh1 Nf2# )* 58...Qe2+ *( 58...Qxc3 59.Qxe4 Qxb3 60.Qe7+ Kb8 61.Qd8+ Kb7 62.Qd7+ Kb6 63.Qd8+ Kb7 64.Qd7+ Kb6 65.Qd8+ Kb7= )* 59.Kg1 Qxg4+ 60.Kf1 Ng3+ *( 60...Qxf5+? 61.Ke2-+ )* 61.Kf2 Qxd4+ *( 61...Qxf5+? 62.Kxg3 Kb7 63.Bd1+- )* 62.cxd4 Nxf5 63.Bxf7 Nxd4 ]
**58.Kg3?** -3.73/29
[ 58.Kf2= -0.23/24 and White stays

safe. ]

**58...Qe3+?** 0.01/19

[ 58...Qe1+-+ -3.73/29 59.Kf3 h5 ]

**59.Kg2!=**



**Kb6?** 0.01/22

[Black should try 59...Ne4!-+ -5.48/26 ( -> ...Qg3+) 60.Qd4 *( 60.Qxf7+ Kb6 61.Kh1 Qf3+ 62.Kh2 Qg3+ 63.Kh1 Nf2# )* 60...Qe2+ *( 60...Qxc3 61.Qxe4 Qxb3 62.Qe7+ Kc8 63.Qe8+ Kb7 64.Qd7+ Kb6 65.Qd8+ Kb7 66.Qd7+ Kb6 67.Qd8+ Kb7 68.Qd7+= )* 61.Kg1 Qxg4+ 62.Kf1 Ng3+ *( 62...Qxf5+? 63.Ke1-+ )* 63.Kf2 Qxd4+ *( 63...Qxf5+? 64.Kxg3 Kb7 65.Bd1+- )* 64.cxd4 Nxf5 65.Bxf7 Nxd4 ]

**60.Qd4+**

[ 60.Bxf7 looks sharper. Qe2+ 61.Kg1 Qe1+ 62.Kg2 ]

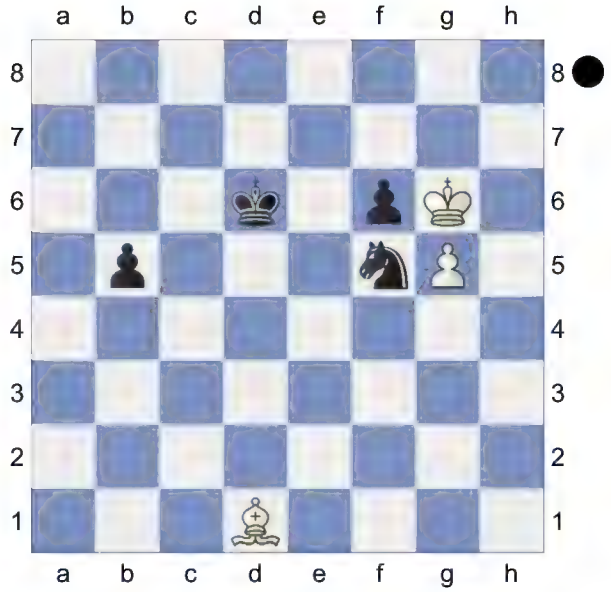
**60...Qxd4 61.cxd4** KB-KN **61...f6! 62.Kh3 Ne4?** 5.52/28

[ 62...Ne8!= 0.01/26 ]

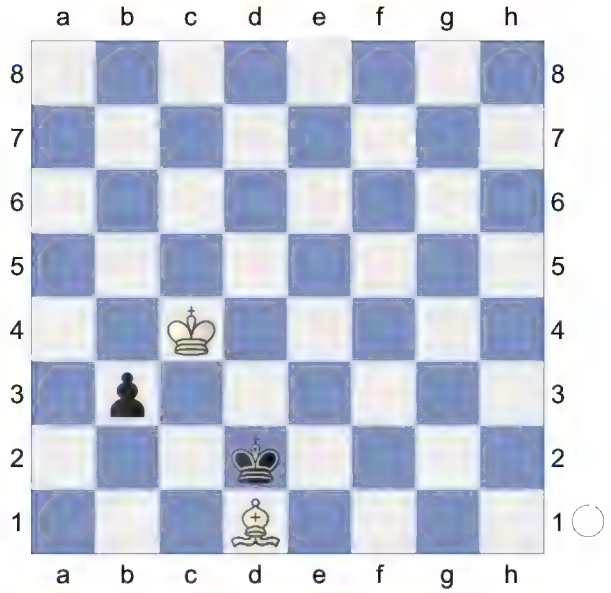
**63.Kh4+- Nd2 64.Bc2 Nf3+ 65.Kh5 Nxd4 66.Bd1?** 0.04/22

[Better is 66.Be4+- 6.85/25 Kc7 *( 66...c5? 67.Kxh6 cxb4 68.Kg6+- )* 67.Kg6 *( 67.Kxh6 Kd6+- )*]

**66...c5=** The position is equal. **67.bxc5+ Kxc5 68.Kxh6 Kd6 69.g5 Nxf5+ 70.Kg6**



**fxg5! 71.Kxf5 Kc5 72.Kxg5** KB-KP **72...Kd4 73.Kf5 Kc3 74.Ke5 b4 75.Kd5 Kd2 76.Kc4 b3**



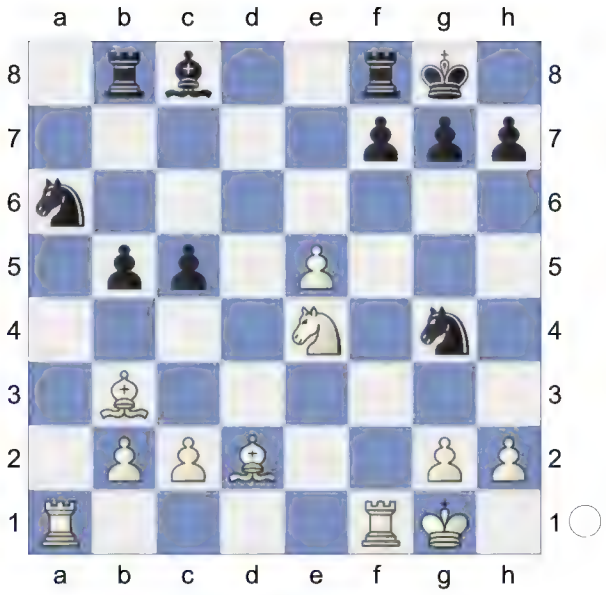
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.68

**77.Kxb3!**

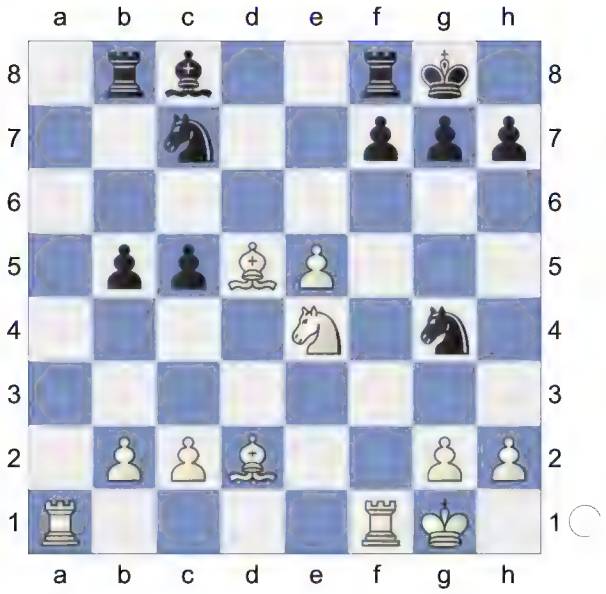
**½-½**

**134** **C78**
□ **Neugebauer,Martin** **2511**
■ **Bochnicka,Vladimir1** **2354**
SVK-ch Piestany (4) 11.07.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5** Remove Defender, Deflection **9...Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4** The position is equal. **11...d6 12.f4!**
[ 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bg4 26.Nd4 Qb6 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**12...Nc6** **13.Qd3N** now scores much better than the old 13.Qc3. punktet besser als das ältere 13.Dc3.
[ 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 ]
**13...0-0 14.Nc3 Nb4 15.Qd2 c5** and ...Qb6 should not be overlooked
**16.e5 dxe5** 2.01/25
[ 16...Ne8!± 0.43/22 ]
**17.fxe5+- Qxd2N**
[ 17...c4 2.64/23 17...Qxd2 1.96 18.exf6 Qxd2 19.Bxd2 cxb3 20.fxg7 Re8 21.cxb3 Bb7 22.Rae1? 0.54/23 *( 22.Rf5+- 2.68/22 )* 22...Nd3!± 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 ½-½ (37) Paravyan,D (2612)-Shirov,A (2658) Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Mar Late blitz 2024 (9) ]
**18.Bxd2 Ng4 19.Ne4 Na6**



**20.Bd5** 0.60/20 This pair of bishops is nice. Black is weak on the dark squares
[ 20.c3!+- 2.23/22 ]
**20...Nc7!±**



**21.Bxf7+ Rxf7 22.Rxf7 Kxf7** White leaves nothing to chance now.
**23.Ra7**
[ 23.Nxc5? Ne6 *( 23...Nxe5? 24.Ra7+- )* 24.Nd3 Ke8-+ ]
**23...Ra8 24.Rxc7+ Kg6** ( -> ...Ra1+)
**25.g3** 0.94/20 White has more active pieces.
[ 25.Rxc5? Ra1+ ]

[ 25.Kf1 1.39/23 Threatens to win with Rc6+. Be6 26.Ke1 *( 26.Rxc5 Bc4+ 27.Rxc4 bxc4∓ )*]

**25...Nxe5** 3.87/23

[ 25...Bf5± 0.94/20 was called for. 26.Nxc5 Nxe5 ]

**26.Bc3+-**

[ 26.Rxc5 Nf3+ 27.Kg2 Nxd2 28.Nxd2 b4 29.Rc6+ Kf7± ]

**26...Bf5?** 6.06/24

[ 26...Nf7 3.65/21 27.Rc6+ *( 27.Rxc5 h5±; 27.Nxc5 Bf5+- )* 27...Kh5 28.Rxc5+ *( 28.Nxc5 Bh3+-; 28.Bxg7 Ra1+ 29.Kf2 Bb7± )* 28...Kg6 29.Rc6+ *( 29.Rxb5 h5+- )* 29...Kf5 ]

**27.Nd6**

[ 27.Nxc5 Re8 28.Rb7 Bxc2± ]

[ 27.Bxe5 Bxe4 28.Rxc5 *( 28.Rxg7+ Kf5± )* 28...Ra1+ 29.Kf2 h6± ]

**27...Nf3+ 28.Kg2 Nd4 29.Rxc5 Rd8 30.Nxf5**

[Not 30.Nxb5 Nxb5 31.Rxb5 Rd7± ]

[ 30.Bxd4 Rxd6 31.c3 b4± ]

**30...Nxf5 31.Rxb5** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **31...Ne3+ 32.Kf3 Nxc2 33.Rb6+ Kf5 34.Rb5+?** 0.01/22

[Better is 34.Bxg7+- 5.72/24 Ne1+ 35.Ke2 Re8+ 36.Kd1 ]

**34...Kg6!= 35.Ke4** Against Nd4. White is clearly winning. **35...Rd7 36.b4 Na3 37.Rc5 Nb1 38.b5 Nd2+ 39.Bxd2 Rxd2 40.h4 Rb2 41.Kd5 Rb3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.46

**42.Kc6**

**1-0**

**135** **C77**

□ **Makarian,Rudik** **2547**

■ **Namitbir,Singh Walia** **2347**

Moscow Aeroflot op-A (5) 03.03.2025

*[Kitty Kat]*

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** 6...Bb7 is a critical line .6...Lb7 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **7.d3 d6 8.Nc3 h6**

[ 8...Na5 9.Kh1 c6 10.h3 Ra7 11.Nh2 0-0 12.f4 Nxb3 13.axb3 Re8 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Qe1 Nd7 16.Nf3 Nf8 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Rd7 19.Rf2 f6 20.Nh4 Ne6 21.Nf5 Nd4 22.Qg3 Nxf5 23.Rxf5 ½-½ (29) Anand,V (2735)-Topalov,V (2750) Supertorneo Las Palmas 1996 (5) ]

**9.Ne2N**

[ 9.Nd5 Rb8 *( 9...Na5 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxb3 12.axb3 Bb7 13.Nf5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Qf6 15.Qg4 g6 16.Re1+ Kf8 17.Ne3 Re8 18.Bd2 h5 19.Qg3 Kg7 20.Bc3 Bd4 21.Bxd4* 1-0 Naroditsky,D (2622)-Iljin, T (2337) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early blitz 2023 (1)*)* 10.c3 0-0 11.Be3 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Ne7 14.Bb3 c5 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Rf2 a5 17.a4 bxa4 18.Bxa4 Be6 19.Raf1 Rb6 20.c4 Rfb8 21.b3 f6 22.Ra1 Bd7 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 ½-½ (50) Naroditsky,D (2617)-Dubov, D (2708) Speed Chess Q2 KO blitz 2022 (1.4) 24.Nd2 Nc6 25.h4 Rb4 26.Rff1 Qf7 27.Qg4 h5 28.Qh3 Kh7 29.Kh2 Ra8 30.Qf5+ Kg8 31.Rfb1 Rb7 32.Ra4 Nb4 33.Qf1 Nc6 34.Qf5 Rab8 35.Rba1 g6 36.Qf1 Kg7 37.Qe2 Qe6 38.Rf1 Qg4

½-½ (50) Feys,B (2617)-Ferragut,A (2708) (m/1) 76/12 Las Vegas 1999 (1.4) ]

**9...Na5 10.Ng3 0-0** The position is equal. **11.Bd2N**

[ 11.h3 Re8 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.fxe3 ½-½ Motylev,A (2602)-Vavulin,M (2552) CRO-chT1A 31st 2023 (5.1) ]

**11...Nxb3 12.axb3 Re8 13.c4 Bd7 14.h3 Bb6 15.Qe2 Nh7 16.Ra2 c5** 0.41/20

[ 16...a5= 0.01/22 ]

**17.Rfa1** 0.01/21

[ 17.Nh2± 0.41/20 should be considered. ]

**17...a5= 18.Nh2 Ng5 19.Qh5 a4** 1.38/22

[ 19...b4= 0.21/21 ]

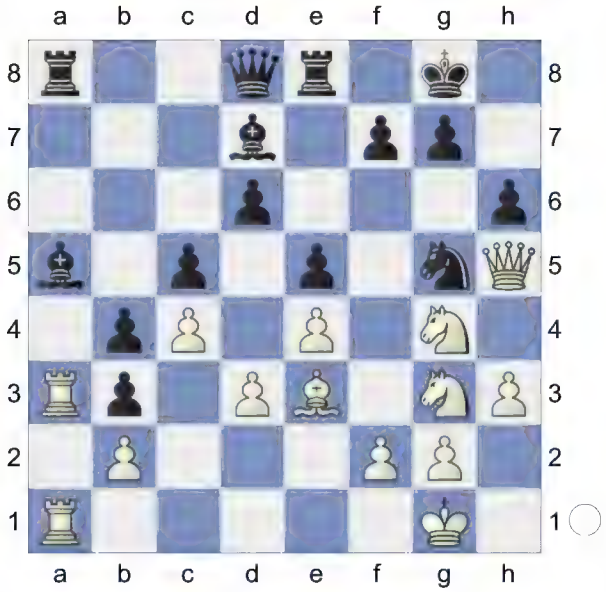
**20.Ng4 Ba5 21.Be3** 0.01/19

[ 21.Bxa5± 0.83/22 Rxa5 22.Nf5 ]

**21...axb3 22.Ra3**

[ 22.Bxg5 hxg5 23.Ra3 b4 24.Rxb3 Bc7 25.Rxa8 Qxa8∓ ]

**22...b4**



**23.Nxh6+! gxh6**

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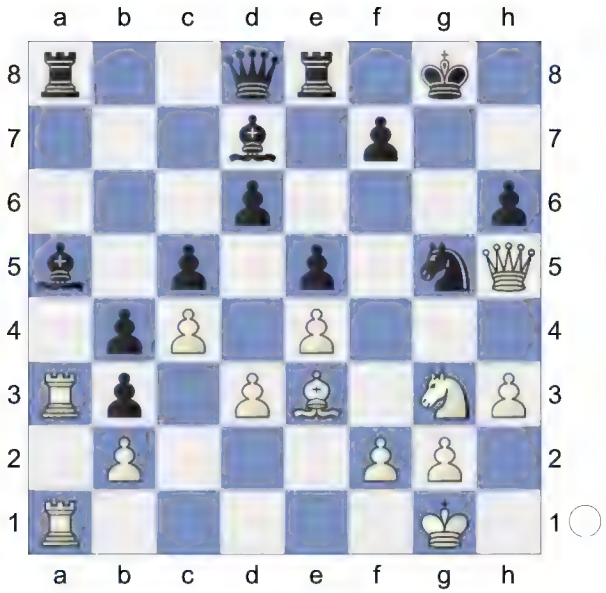

**24.Rxa5 Rxa5 25.Rxa5 Qxa5 26.Qxh6 Nxh3+ 27.gxh3 Re6**

**28.Qh4→** White attacks. Black cannot hold the game after this. **28...Qb6?** 6.56/26

[ 28...Rg6= 0.01/22 ]

**29.Kh2** aiming for Nh5.

[ 29.Qg4+ Kf8∓ ]

**29...d5?** 9.76/24

[ 29...Rg6 30.Bg5 Qb8 31.f4 *( 31.Bf6 Rxf6 32.Qxf6 Be6+- )* 31...exf4 32.Nh5= ]

[ 29...Qb8 3.45/23 30.Nh5 Qf8 ]

**30.Nh5?** 3.30/25

[ 30.cxd5 Rg6± ]

[ 30.exd5 9.76/24 Rg6 31.Qe7 *( 31.Ne4 Bf5± )*]

**30...Rg6** 10.28/26

[ 30...dxc4 3.30/25 31.Bg5 f6 *( 31...cxd3? 32.Nf6+ Rxf6 33.Bxf6+- )* 32.Nxf6+ Rxf6 33.Bxf6 Qe6 ]

(Diagram)

**31.Bg5!+-**
[ 31.exd5 f6± ]
[Less strong is 31.cxd5 f5± ]
**31...f6 32.Nxf6+**
[Weaker is 32.Bxf6 dxc4 33.Bxe5 c3= *( 33...cxd3 34.Nf4= )*]
**32...Rxf6 33.Bxf6** White wants to mate with Qh8+. **33...Qe6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=1.25
**34.cxd5**
**1-0**

**136** **C78**
□ **Fier,Alexandr** **2567**
■ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar** **2619**
ESP-chT CECLUB Honor (2.3) 06.11.12
*[Fier,Alexander, TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4** Fier,A **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** Fier,A: 'I think this is a more ambitious way to play the Ruy Lopez. The positions normally are more active with the bishop on c5 but afterwards the bishop can be missing on the other side, for the defence of the diagonal h4-d8.' I think this is a more ambitious way to play the Ruy Lopez. The positions normally are more active with the bishop on c5 but afterwards the bishop can be missing on the other side, for the defence of the diagonal h4-d8. Fier,A: 'I think this is a more ambitious way to play the Ruy Lopez. The positions normally are more active with the bishop on c5 but afterwards the bishop can be missing on the other side, for the defence of the diagonal h4-d8.' I think this is a more ambitious way to play the Ruy Lopez. The positions normally are more active with the bishop on c5 but afterwards the bishop can be missing on the other side, for the defence of the diagonal h4-d8.
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**7...Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3** Fier,A: 'Probably the most forcing move, and for sure the one with most theory.' Probably the most forcing move, and for sure the one with most theory. Fier,A: 'Probably the most forcing move, and for sure the one with

most theory.'Probably the most forcing move, and for sure the one with most theory. **11...0-0 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 exd4**

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**14.Nbxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bxf3** White is slightly better. **16.gxf3 Nh5** Fier,A: 'Looking forward to f4 and opening the diagonal for the queen.' Looking forward to f4 and opening the diagonal for the queen.

**17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Be3 Ra8** 0.89/23

[ 18...c5± 0.34/22 ]

**19.Rxa8± Rxa8 20.Rg1 Nf4 21.Bb3! Ne6N** Fier,A: 'So far both players were playing more or less in blitz mode. There have been some recent games with this position and I was curious as to whether Black would have some idea in the 21...g6 line.' So far both players were playing more or less in blitz mode. There have been some recent games with this position and I was curious as to whether Black would have some idea in the 21...g6 line. Fier,A: 'So far both players were playing more or less in blitz mode. There have been some recent games with this position and I was curious as to whether Black would have some idea in the 21...g6 line.' So far both players were playing more or less in blitz mode. There have been

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**A)** 23...Qf5 0.65/24 23...Qxe5 0.27 Fier,A: 'was the first game of the year, but the queen doesn't really defend f7' was the first game of the year, but the queen doesn't really defend f7 Fier,A: 'was the first game of the year, but the queen doesn't really defend f7' was the first game of the year, but the queen doesn't really defend f7 24.Bxf7+ Qxf7 *( 24...Kg7?!* 1.01/23 24...Qxf7 0.52 Fier,A: 'Kryvoruchko, Y (2666)-Caruana,F (2767) EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (11) 1-0 was' 1-0 Kryvoruchko,Y (2666)-Caruana,F (2767) EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (11) was Fier,A: 'Kryvoruchko,Y (2666)-Caruana,F (2767) EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (11) 1-0 was' was 1-0 Kryvoruchko,Y (2666)-Caruana,F (2767) EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (11) *25.Bb3!* Fier,A: 'is a improvment over the 25.Bd5 played in the game, with a dangerous position, but better for White' is a improvment over the 25.♗d5 played in the game, with a dangerous position, but better for White Fier,A: 'is a improvment over the 25.Bd5 played in the game, with a dangerous position, but better for White'is a improvment over the 25.♗d5 played in the game, with a dangerous position, but better for White*)* 25.Bxf4 Bxf2! 26.Rf1± Fier,A: 'with a pawn up in an endgame without risks' with a pawn up in an endgame without risks;

**B)** 23...Qxe5 Fier,A: 'was the second game of the year but not necessarily a better idea' was the second game of the year but not necessarily a better idea Fier,A: 'was the second game of the year but not necessarily a better idea' was the second game of the year but not necessarily a better idea 24.Bxf7+! Kxf7 1.77/23 *( 24...Kh8±* 0.42/23 *)* 25.Bxf4± Fier,A: 'Kurnosov,I (2663)-Kazhgaleyev,M (2589) Wch Rapid

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[ 22.Bxe6 0.33/23 22.Bd5 0.74 fxe6 1.05/22 *( 22...Qxe6⩲ 0.33/23 23.b3 d5 )* 23.Rg3± Kh8 24.Kg2 Fier,A: 'Karjakin,S (2732)-Adams,M (2729) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (3) 1-0' 1-0 Karjakin,S (2732)-Adams,M (2729) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (3) Fier,A: 'Karjakin,S (2732)-Adams,M (2729) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (3) 1-0' 1-0 Karjakin,S (2732)-Adams,M (2729) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (3) ]

**22...Rb8 23.Bxe6 Qxe6**

[ 23...fxe6 Fier,A: 'would have the same idea of Karjakin's game, to play ... e5 and exchange the bishops. White's idea is to push somehow the pawns on the kingside and make some pressure against the king... Maybe it's not enough, but ok it's, something to try' would have the same idea of Karjakin's game, to play ...e5 and exchange the bishops. White's idea is to push somehow the pawns on the kingside and make some pressure against the king... Maybe it's not enough, but ok it's, something to try Fier,A: 'would have the same idea of Karjakin's game, to play ... e5 and exchange the bishops. White's idea is to push somehow the pawns on the kingside and make some pressure against the king... Maybe it's not enough, but ok it's, something to try' would have the same idea of Karjakin's game, to play ...e5 and exchange the bishops. White's idea is to push somehow the pawns on the kingside and make some pressure against the king... Maybe it's not enough, but ok it's, something to try 24.Rg3 *( 24.f4?! d5 )* 24...e5 25.dxe5 dxe5 26.Bxb6 0.81/28 *( 26.Qb3+* 0.56/27 26.Qd5+ 1.34*;* ⌓*26.Qd5+* 1.26/29 *Kh8 27.Bxb6 cxb6 28.Kg2 )*

**A)** 26...Rxb6 27.Qd5+! Fier,A: 'and Black has to make a unpleasant choice, since 27... Kh8 is not possible anymore.' and Black has to make a unpleasant choice, since 27... ♔h8 is not possible anymore. Fier,A: 'and Black has to make a

unpleasant choice, since 27... Kh8 is not possible anymore.' and Black has to make a unpleasant choice, since 27...♔h8 is not possible anymore. Kf8 *( 27...Re6!* Fier,A: 'probably the best, but a hard move to make' probably the best, but a hard move to make Fier,A: 'probably the best, but a hard move to make' probably the best, but a hard move to make *)* 28.Qa8+ 0.98/24 *(*White should try *28.Qd7* 1.36/29 *)* 28...Kf7± 29.Qc8±;

**B)** 26...Rxb6 0.81/28 27.Qd5+ Kf8;

**C)** 26...cxb6 1.48/26 Fier,A: 'and now it's possible to see the point of 22.Bd5' and now it's possible to see the point of 22. ♗d5 Fier,A: 'and now it's possible to see the point of 22. Bd5' and now it's possible to see the point of 22.♗d5 27.Kg2± ]

**24.Qd3 g6** 1.32/22

[ 24...c5!± 0.66/24 ]

**25.Bd2** 0.80/24 Fier,A: 'My idea was basically to force ...d5 and then play to e5 and f4-f5. In some positions, even if I lose this pawn, Rg5 can come and Black has some problems to defend the weak structure.' My idea was basically to force ...d5 and then play to e5 and f4-f5. In some positions, even if I lose this pawn, ♖g5 can come and Black has some problems to defend the weak structure. Fier,A: 'My idea was basically to force ... d5 and then play to e5 and f4-f5. In some positions, even if I lose this pawn, Rg5 can come and Black has some problems to defend the weak structure.' My idea was basically to force ...d5 and then play to e5 and f4-f5. In some positions, even if I lose this pawn, ♖g5 can come and Black has some problems to defend the weak structure.

[ ⌓25.b4 1.32/22 ]

**25...Ra8** Fier,A: 'Making the novelty effective.' Making the novelty effective. Fier,A: 'Making the novelty effective.' Making the novelty effective.

[ 25...d5! Fier,A: 'was possible. I wanted to go for'was possible. I wanted to go for 26.b4 0.16/24 Fier,A: 'closing the bishop, if Black plays ...c6 this pawn can be a target' closing the bishop, if Black plays ...c6 this pawn can be a target Fier,A: 'closing the bishop, if Black plays ... c6 this pawn can be a target' closing the bishop, if Black plays ...c6 this pawn can be a target *( 26.Re1±* 0.83/21 *)* 26...Ra8 0.55/23 *( 26...dxe4=* 0.16/24 *27.fxe4 Re8 )* 27.e5 Qh3 Fier,A: 'avoiding f4' avoiding f4 28.Re1 Ra2 29.Kg1 Qf5! 30.Qe3± Fier,A: 'Black has some pressure but White can improve the position slowly.' Black has some pressure but White can improve the position slowly. Fier,A: 'Black has some pressure but White can improve the position slowly.' Black has some pressure but White can improve the position slowly. ]

**26.Bc3 d5 27.e5 c5** Fier,A: 'Now we transfer to a rook and queen endgame in which I was kind of satisfied with the position since the b-pawn can make Black's life hard.' Now we transfer to a rook and queen endgame in which I was kind of satisfied with the position since the b-pawn can make Black's life hard. Fier,A: 'Now we transfer to a rook and queen endgame in which I was kind of satisfied with the position since the b-pawn can make Black's life hard.'

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**28.Rd1** 0.01/27

[ 28.dxc5 Fier,A: 'was my other candidate but probably less precise since' was my other candidate but probably less precise since Fier,A: 'was my other candidate but probably less precise since'was my other candidate but probably less precise since Bxc5 29.Bd4 0.01/25 *( 29.Kg2± 0.40/26 )* 29...Bxd4= 30.Qxd4 Qf5 31.Qxd5 Ra5! Fier,A: 'should be enough for Black:' should be enough for Black: 32.Qd8+ Kg7 33.Qf6+ Qxf6 34.exf6+ Kxf6 35.b4 Rb5 36.Rb1 Ke5= ]

[ 28.dxc5± 0.45/27 Bxc5 29.Bd4 Bxd4 30.Qxd4 ]

**28...cxd4**

[ 28...c4 29.Qe3 Fier,A: 'now everything is under control and White can focus totally on the kingside.' now everything is under control and White can focus totally on the kingside. Fier,A: 'now everything is under control and White can focus totally on the kingside.'now everything is under control and White can focus totally on the kingside. ]

**29.Bxd4 Bxd4 30.Qxd4=** Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **30...Rb8**

[ 30...Re8 31.Re1 ]

**31.Kg2 Rb5?!** 0.79/25

[ 31...Qb6 32.Qxd5 Qxb2 Fier,A: 'was probably better.' was probably better. ]

[ 31...Qb6= 0.24/25 remains equal. ]

**32.Ra1±** Fier,A: 'Activating the rook creates a lot of attacking possibilities and Black starts to be under pressure.' Activating the rook creates a lot of attacking possibilities and Black starts to be under pressure. Fier,A: 'Activating the rook creates a lot of attacking possibilities and Black starts to be under pressure.'Activating the rook creates a lot of attacking possibilities and Black starts to be under pressure. **32...Kg7** 1.42/26

[Black should try 32...Rb8 0.72/24 ]

**33.Ra8** White is more active. Loses the game. **33...h6?** 4.70/24

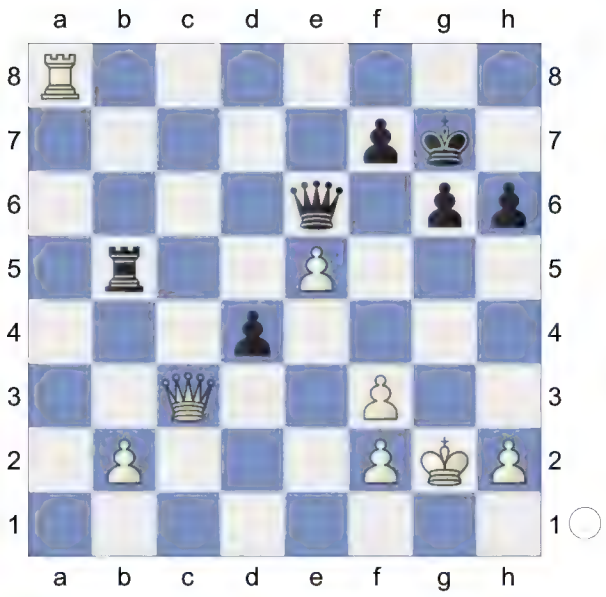
[ 33...Qb6? 4.55/27 33...Rb7 1.36 Fier,A: 'was nicely refuted by' was nicely refuted by 34.Qh4! Fier,A: 'defending f2 and attacking' defending f2 and attacking Rxb2? 6.80/29 *( 34...g5 3.35/26 35.Qxg5+ Qg6 )* 35.e6!+- fxe6 *( 35...Qxe6?? 36.Qd4+! Qf6 37.Rg8+!+- )* 36.Re8!+- Fier,A: 'and Black is hopeless against the mate threats.' and Black is hopeless against the mate threats. Fier,A: 'and Black is hopeless against the mate threats.'and Black is hopeless against the mate threats. ]

[ 33...Rb7± 1.55/27 ]

**34.Qc3** Fier,A: 'Time for the queen invade Black's camp!' Time for the queen invade Black's camp! Fier,A: 'Time for the queen invade Black's camp!' Time for the queen invade Black's camp! **34...Rb7**

[ 34...d4

(Diagram)



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**35.h4** Fier,A: 'Avoiding any check on g5.' Avoiding any check on g5. **35...h5 36.b4 Kh7**

[ 36...Re7 37.b5+- ]

**37.Rd8 Rd7** 9.37/23

[ 37...Re7 38.b5 Qxe5 39.Qxe5 Rxe5 40.b6 White wants to mate with b7. Re7 41.Rxd5 Rb7 42.Rb5+- ]

[ ⌓37...Rb5 4.69/28 38.Rd6 Qe7 ]

**38.Rxd7 Qxd7+-** KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **39.Qc5 Kg7**

[ 39...d4 40.Qd6 ]

**40.Qd6?** Fier,A: 'And just on move 40 I failed to see the winning move! I was just focused on b5 b6 ideas and Qd6 where Black has sufficient counterplay with the d-pawn and white squares. Apparently I didn't see 'mate'.' And just on move 40 I failed to see the winning move! I was just focused on b5 b6 ideas and ♕d6 where Black has sufficient counterplay with the d-pawn and white squares. Apparently I didn't see 'mate'. Fier,A: 'And just on move 40 I failed to see the winning move! I was just focused on b5 b6 ideas and Qd6 where Black has sufficient counterplay with the d-pawn and white squares. Apparently I didn't see 'mate'.'And just on move 40 I failed to see the winning move! I was just focused on b5 b6 ideas and ♕d6 where Black has sufficient counterplay with the d-pawn and white squares. Apparently I didn't see 'mate'.

[ 40.b5 d4 41.Qc6! Fier,A: 'and there is no way to avoid the queen exchange... Mate!' and there is no way to avoid the queen exchange... Mate! Fier,A: 'and there is no way to avoid the queen exchange... Mate!' and there is no way to avoid the queen exchange... Mate! *( 41.b6?* 0.01/21 41.Qc6 14.39 *d3 42.Qd6 Qb7!* Fier,A: 'is not so clear' is not so clear Fier,A: 'is not so clear'

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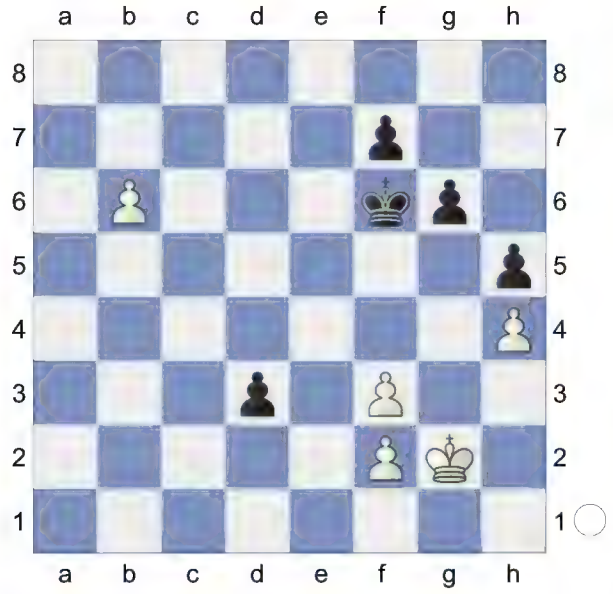


45.Kf1! Fier,A: 'and it's just over' and it's just over Fier,A: 'and it's just over' and it's just over ]

**40...Qb7**

[ 40...Qxd6 41.exd6 d7 is the strong threat. Kf6 42.f4 Ke6 43.Kf3 Kxd6 44.Ke3+- ]

**41.Kg3** Fier,A: 'Still White is winning but some more moves are necessary. White's king must go to help and the b-pawn (which Black sacrificed on move 12 and is still missing) is enough to kill any counterplay.' Still White is winning but some more moves are necessary. White's king must go to help and the b-pawn (which Black sacrificed on move 12 and is still missing) is enough to kill any counterplay. Fier,A: 'Still White is winning but some more moves are necessary. White's king must go to help and the b-pawn (which Black sacrificed on move 12 and is still missing) is enough to kill any counterplay.' Still White is winning but some more moves are necessary. White's king must go to help and the b-pawn (which Black sacrificed on move 12 and is still missing) is enough to kill any counterplay. **41...Kh7 42.Kf4?** 2.11/25

[ 42.Qf6 7.70/24 d4 43.e6 Discovered Attack fxe6 44.Qxd4 ]

**42...Qc8 43.Qxd5 Qc1+ 44.Ke4 Qe1+?** 4.39/28

[ 44...Qc2+ 1.90/24 was worth a try. 45.Ke3 Qc3+ 46.Ke2 Qxb4 ]

**45.Kd3 Qd1+** 6.16/26

[ ⌓45...Qxb4 4.18/24 46.Qxf7+ Kh6 ]

**46.Kc4 Qe2+ 47.Kc5 Qxf2+ 48.Kc6 Qc2+**

[ 48...Qxh4 49.Qxf7+ Kh6 50.b5+- ]

**49.Kd6 Kg7 50.b5 Qf2 51.Kc6 Qxh4 52.b6 Qb4 53.b7 h4 54.Qd6 Qc4+ 55.Kb6** 28.27/23

[ ⌓55.Kd7 #20/22 Qa4+ 56.Kc8 *( 56.Ke7 Qa7+- )* 56...Qf4 57.b8Q *( 57.b8B Qxf3 58.Qd7 Qc3+ 59.Bc7 Qb3= )* 57...Qxf3 58.Kd7 Kh6 59.Qh8+ Kg5 60.Qe7+ Skewer f6 61.Qhxf6+ *( 61.exf6 Qb7+ 62.Ke8 Qb8+ 63.Qd8 Qg3 64.f7+ Kg4 65.Qd7+ Kf3 66.Qd5+ Kg4 )* 61...Qxf6 62.exf6 *( 62.Qxf6+ Kg4 63.e6 h3 64.e7 g5 65.e8Q Kg3 66.Qe3+ Kh2 67.Qff2+* Deflection *Kh1 68.Qxh3# )*]

**55...Qb3+ 56.Kc7 Qc3+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=1.10

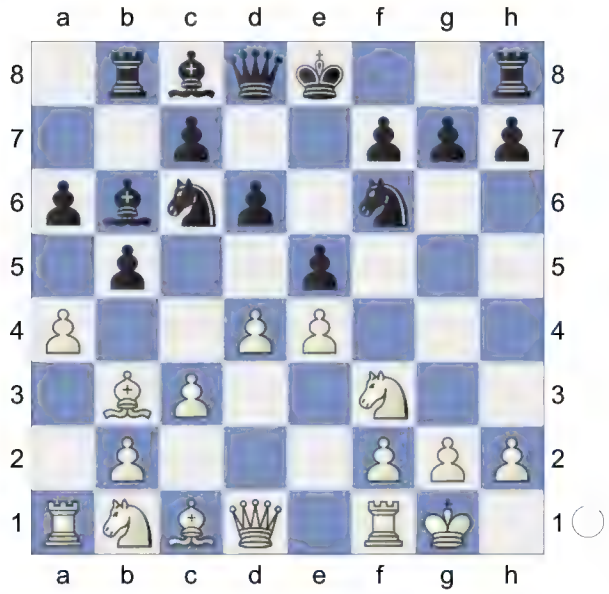
**57.Kd7**

**1-0**

**137** **C78**
□ **Panesar,Vedant** **2462**
■ **Namitbir,Singh Walia** **2335**
Paris-ch (4) 14.07.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

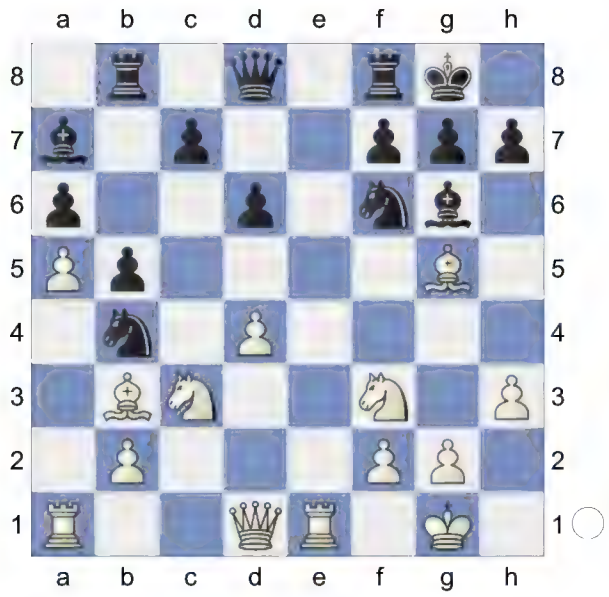
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6!**



**10.a5!** 10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5. 10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5.
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7** **11.h3** Prevents Bg4. **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...exd4N**
[ 12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Nc3 Bb7! 15.Re1** 0.01/22
[ 15.Qd2± 0.60/21 ]
**15...Bxe4=**
[ 15...Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bd2 Bxf3 18.Qxf3± ]
**16.Bg5 Bg6**

(Diagram)



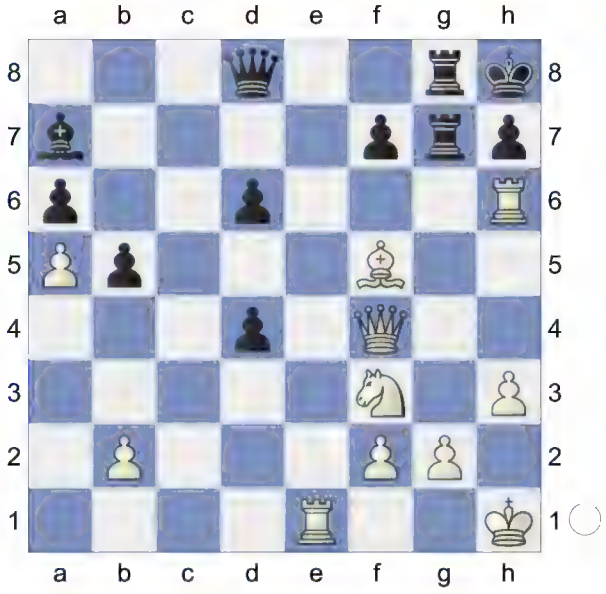
**17.Ne4! Bxe4N**
[ 17...c5 and ...c4 should not be overlooked 18.Nh4? -2.69/23 *( 18.Nxf6+= 0.17/25* and White is okay. *gxf6 19.Bh6 )* 18...Bxe4 -1.24/19 *( 18...c4-+* -2.69/23 and Black stays clearly on top. *19.Nxg6 hxg6 )* 19.Rxe4∓ c4? 0.15/23 *( 19...h6∓* -1.41/24 *20.Bxf6 Qxf6 )* 20.Nf5!= Nbd5? 2.09/24 Repels Ne7+ *( 20...Re8∓* -0.59/21 keeps the upper hand. *21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Bxf6 Qe6 23.Ne7+ Kf8 )* 21.Bc2+- h6? 9.22/22 *( 21...Re8* 2.18/21 *)* 22.Bh4? 3.60/21 *( 22.Nxh6+* 9.22/22 *gxh6 23.Bxh6 )* 22...Qd7? 7.00/23 *( 22...c3* 3.60/21 *)* 23.Bxf6+- Nxf6 24.Re7 1-0 Li,H (2166)-Kolani,A (2124) London Mindsports op 4th 2024 (4) ]

**18.Rxe4** Black cannot hold the game after this. **18...Qd7?** 4.50/21
[ 18...h6= 0.14/24 and Black stays safe. 19.Bh4 g5 20.Nxg5 Nxe4 Pin ]

**19.Bxf6+- gxf6** 8.24/19
[ ⌓19...Qf5 4.21/20 20.Qe1 d5 ]

**20.Qd2 Kh8 21.Qxb4 Rg8 22.Kh1 Rg7 23.Bc2 Rbg8 24.Rh4 c5 25.Qd2** and Qh6 would now be decisive **25...f5 26.Qf4 cxd4 27.Bxf5 Qe7 28.Re1 Qf6 29.Rh6** 15.20/22
[ Not 29.Nxd4 Bxd4 30.Qxd4 Qxf5± ]
[ ⌓29.Ng5 #20/28 d3 30.Nxh7 *( 30.Bxh7 Qxf4* Remove Defender *31.Rxf4 d2+- )* 30...Qxh4 31.Qxh4 Rxg2 32.Qf6+ *( 32.Bxd3 Be3 33.fxe3 f5 34.Ng5+ Kg7 35.Qh7+ Kf6 36.Qxf5+ Ke7 37.Qf7+ Kd8 38.Ne6+ Kc8 39.Qc7# )* 32...R2g7 33.Nf8 *( 33.Qxd6 Be3+-; 33.Ng5 Rb8 34.Rg1 Bd4 35.Nxf7+ Kg8 36.Rxg7+ Kf8 37.Ne5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Ke8 38.Rg8# )* 33...Rxf8 34.Rg1 *( 34.Qxd6 Kg8+- )* 34...Bd4 35.Qh6+ Kg8 36.Qh7# ]

**29...Qd8**



**30.Ng5! Qxa5**
[ 30...Qf6 31.Rxf6 ]

**31.Rxh7+ Rxh7**

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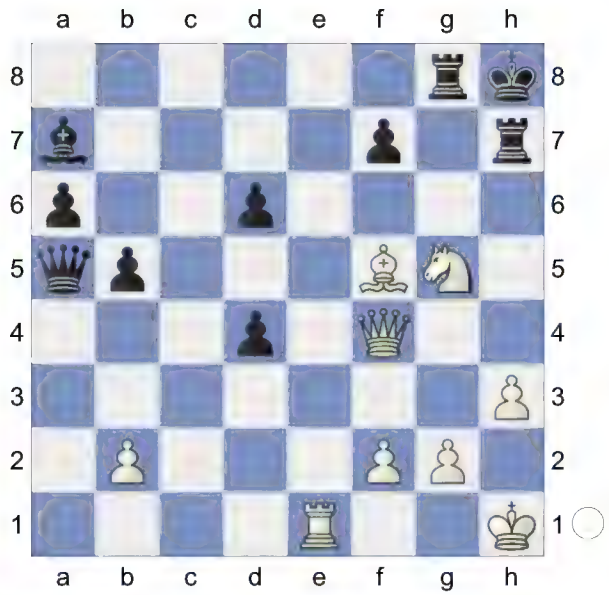

**32.Nxf7+!** Double Attack **32...Kg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=1.02
**33.Qg5+**
**1-0**

**138** **C78**
□ **Caceres Benitez,Arturo Eduardo**
■ **Rodriguez Vila,Andres** **2447**
Buenos Aires op 3rd (7) 15.07.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** 6...Bb7 is the recent fashion. 6...Lb7 ist aktuell in Mode. **7.a4 Bb7 8.c3**
[ 8.d3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th 145686 1997 (3) ]
**8...d6 9.Qe2** -0.07/22
[White should try 9.d4± 0.53/19 Bb6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 25.Nb4 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]
**9...0-0** The position is equal. **10.d3N**
[ 10.Bc2 b4 11.a5 d5 12.d3 bxc3 13.bxc3 d4 14.c4 Nd7 15.Nbd2 Qe7 16.Ba4 Bb4 17.Nb3 Rab8 C 78/19 2000 18.Ne1 Nc5 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.Bd2 Na7 21.Nc2 Bc6 ½-½ Crocker,P (2470)-Reinaldo Castineira,R (2510) Magyarorszag 24/(253) 1977 (1) ]
**10...h6 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.fxe3 d5** 0.91/20
[ 12...Nb8= -0.01/20 ]
**13.exd5± Nxd5 14.Nbd2 Na5N** 1.53/18
[ 14...Nf6 1.16/18 14...Rb8 0.66 15.Nh4 0.26/18 *( 15.axb5!± 1.16/18 axb5 16.d4* Discovered Attack*)* 15...Na5 1.33/21 *( 15...Ne7!=* 0.26/18 keeps the balance.*)* 16.Bc2!± g6 1.82/20 Against Nf5 *( 16...b4±* 0.93/19 keeps fighting.*)* 17.Qf2!+- Ng4 18.Qg3 Qg5 19.Rae1! f5? 5.77/19 *( 19...Nf6±* 1.36/20 is a better chance. *)* 20.h3+- Nxe3 21.Rxe3 1-0 (37) Salehimoghaddam,A-Ghari Zadeh,M IRI-ch Iran 1993 (1) ]
[ 14...Rb8!± 0.63/19 ]
**15.Bxd5** 0.66/20
[ 15.Nxe5 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Qg5∓ ]
[ 15.Ba2± 1.53/18 ]
**15...Qxd5± 16.b4 Nc6! 17.Ne4 Ne7** 1.80/20
[ 17...a5!± 0.36/21 ]

**18.Nc5+- Ng6** 2.40/22
[ 18...Bc6± 1.45/20 ]
**19.e4** 1.15/21
[ 19.h4!+- 2.40/22 ]
**19...Qc6± 20.Qe3** 0.67/19
[ 20.d4+- 1.65/19 ]
**20...Rae8 21.c4** 0.09/20
[ 21.axb5± 0.90/21 axb5 22.h3 ]
**21...bxc4** 1.04/22
[ 21...bxa4= 0.09/20 22.Rxa4 Bc8 ]
**22.dxc4 a5** 1.14/21 **23.b5!**
[ 23.bxa5?! Bc8= ]
**23...Qb6 24.Rfe1 Bc8** Wards off Nd7
**25.Nb3** 0.83/21 Excellent horsemanship.
[ ⌓25.Nd3! 1.27/21 ]
**25...Nf4** 1.21/22
[ ⌓25...Qe6 0.83/21 ]
**26.c5** -0.29/22
[ 26.Qxb6!± 1.21/22 cxb6 27.c5 ]
**26...Qg6= 27.g3** -3.32/21
[ 27.Ra2!= -0.13/21 and White stays safe. ]
**27...f5 28.Kh1** exf5 is the strong threat.
**28...Nh3**
[ 28...fxe4 29.Nxe5 *( 29.Qxe4 Bg4∓ )* 29...Rxe5 30.gxf4∓ ]
**29.Nh4 Qg4 30.exf5** -4.59/22
[ 30.Rf1 -2.47/20 f4 *( 30...Qxe4+ 31.Qxe4 fxe4 32.Rxf8+ Rxf8 33.Ng6∓; 30...fxe4 31.Nxa5 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1∓ )* 31.Qf3 ]

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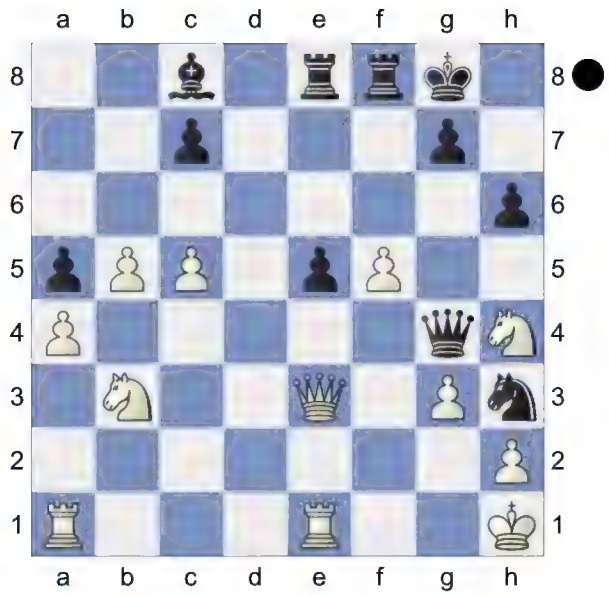



**30...Bxf5?** -0.61/20
[ 30...g5!-+ -4.59/22 31.Ng2 Bxf5 ]
**31.Nxf5∓ Rxf5 32.Nxa5?** -8.60/22
[ 32.Rf1∓ -0.67/23 ]
**32...Rf2** -4.18/21
[ ⌓32...Nf2+ -8.60/22 33.Kg1 Rf3 ]
**33.b6** -6.76/24
[ ⌓33.Rf1 -4.18/21 Rxf1+ 34.Rxf1 Qxa4 35.Qb3+ Qxb3 36.Nxb3 ]
**33...cxb6-+ 34.cxb6 Ref8** ( -> ...Ng5)
**35.b7**
[ 35.Qxe5? Qf3# ]
**35...Qh5** -2.63/25
[ 35...Rb2 36.Rf1 Rd8 *( 36...Nf2+ 37.Rxf2* Promotion *Rfxf2 38.b8Q+ Kh7 39.Qxb2= )* 37.Rae1= *( 37.Qxe5? Nf2+ 38.Kg2 Nd3+-+ )*]
[ ⌓35...Kh8 -4.52/26 36.Ra3 *( 36.Qxe5? Qf3# )* 36...Rc2 ]
**36.Qb3+** -7.89/25
[ 36.Qxe5? Qf3# ]
[ 36.g4 -2.63/25 Qxg4 37.Qg3 ]
**36...Kh8** ( -> ...Rxh2+!) **37.g4 Qxg4 38.Qg3 Qd7 39.Rad1** Repels Qd5+
**39...Rd2?** -0.08/24
[ 39...Qxa4 40.Qxh3 Qxa5 41.Qb3= ]
[Black should try 39...Qe6-+ -7.92/23 40.Qb3 Qg4 ]

**40.Rxd2=** **Qxd2→** White needs to defend precisely. **41.Qxe5** **Qd3** Chess con chili. **42.Qg3** **Qd5+** **43.Qg2** **Nf2+** **44.Kg1** **Qc5** ( -> ...Nd3+) **45.b8Q?** -7.81/27 **Nd3+-+** Discovered Attack (Check)

[ 45...Rxb8 46.Qxf2 Qxa5 47.Ra1∓ ]

**46.Kh1** **Rxb8** **47.Qg3** **Qd5+**

[ 47...Nxe1 48.Qxb8+ Kh7 49.Qb1+ Nc2 50.Qb5= ]

**48.Kg1** **Rb2** **49.Rf1** **Qd4+**

[ 49...Qxa5 50.Rf8+ Kh7 51.Qxd3+ ]

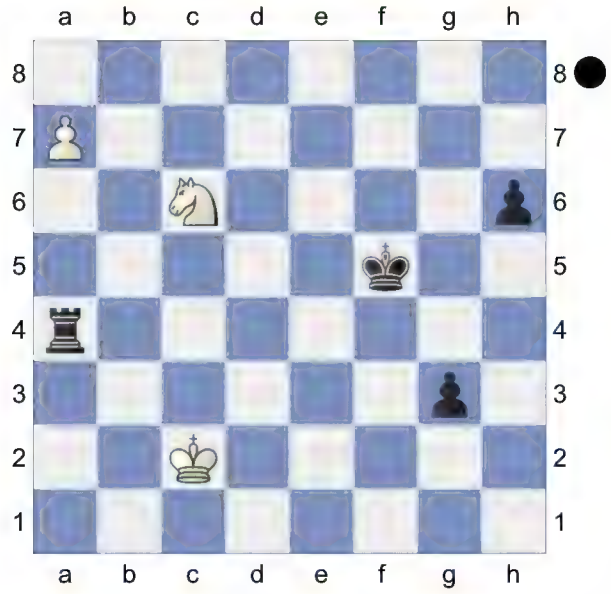
**50.Kh1** **Nf2+**

[ 50...Qxa4 51.Rf8+ Kh7 52.Qxd3+ g6 53.Rf7+ Kg8 54.Qxg6+ Kh8 55.Qh7# ]

**51.Rxf2** **Qxf2** **52.Qxf2** **Rxf2** Endgame KR-KN **53.Nc4** **Ra2** **54.Nb6** **g5** **55.Kg1** **Kg7** **56.h3** **Kg6** **57.Kf1** **Rh2** **58.Ke1** **Rxh3** **59.Kd2** **Rb3** **60.a5** **g4** **61.Kc2** **Rb5** White must now prevent ...g3!. **62.Nc4** **g3** ( -> ...g2) **63.a6** **Rb4** **64.Ne5+** **Kf5** **65.a7** **Ra4!**

[ 65...Kxe5? 66.a8Q *( 66.a8B? too greedy. Ra4-+ )* 66...Rg4 67.Qg2+- ]

**66.Nc6**



**Rxa7!** -13.61/22 **67.Nxa7** What a fight!

Weighted Error Value: White=1.20/ Black=0.82

**67...g2**

**0-1**

**139** **C78**

□ **Papadopoulos,Georgios1** **2363**

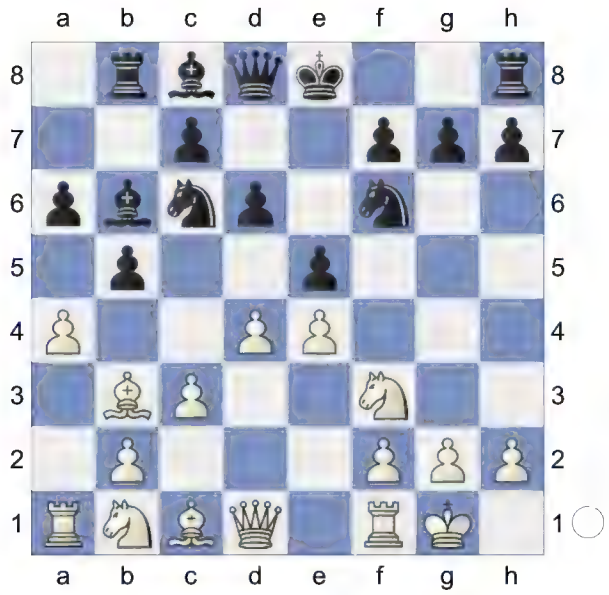
■ **Mitsis,Georgios** **2372**

Athens Iraklion op 27th (9) 14.06.2025

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

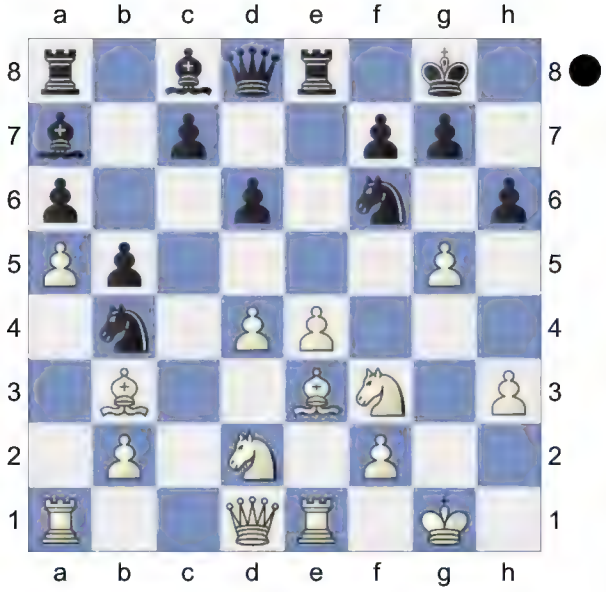
**1.e4** **e5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bb5** **a6** **4.Ba4** **Nf6** **5.0-0** **b5** **6.Bb3** **Bc5** **7.c3** **d6** **8.a4** **Rb8** **9.d4** **Bb6!**



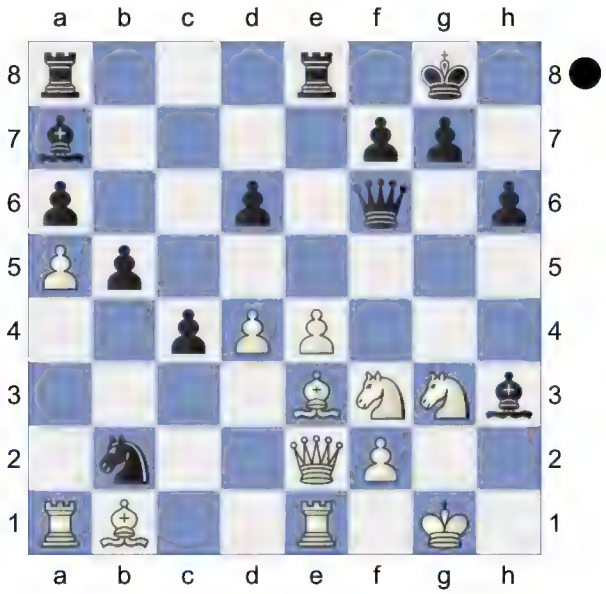
**10.a5!** The main line 10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5.Die Hauptvariante 10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5. **10...Ba7** **11.h3** Prevents Bg4. **11...0-0**

[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]

**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...Ra8N 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 Re8**
[ 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bb7 19.Rc1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxd4 21.Qh5 Nd5 *( 21...Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nc5 Qd2 25.Rd1 Rae8 26.Rxd2 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 c5 28.f4 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc5 b4 32.b3 Rc8 33.Nxa6 cxb3 34.Bxb3 R1c3 35.Rb2* (37) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 22.Rf3 Qe7 *( 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qe7 24.Qd4 Qb4 25.Rd3* (27) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 23.Nxf7 Qxe4 24.Rxc7 Nf4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nxe4 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxb7 (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**15.g4 exd4 16.cxd4** next g5 is good for White. **16...Nb4**
[ 16...Nxe4? 17.Nxe4 Rxe4 18.Bd5 Rxe3 19.Rxe3+- ]
**17.g5**



**c5!N** Threatening ...Bxh3!. **18.gxf6**
[ 18.e5!? ]
**18...Qxf6 19.Nf1 c4**
[ 19...Bxh3!? 20.Bd2 Nd3∓ ]
**20.Ba2 Nd3!** Black is much more active.
[Of course not 20...Rxe4?! 21.Bb1 Re6 22.Bd2= ]
Loses the game. **21.Ng3?** -2.38/24
**Bxh3-+**
[ 21...Nxe1 22.Nxe1 Bxh3 23.Ng2= ]
**22.Bb1 Nxb2**
[And not 22...Nxe1 23.Nxe1 b4 24.Ng2= *( 24.Qh5? Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4-+ )*]
**23.Qe2**



**Nd3 24.e5?** -4.56/25
[ 24.Bxd3 -1.68/21 cxd3 25.Qd1 ]
[ 24.Rd1 Bg4 ]
**24...dxe5** Black is clearly winning.
**25.dxe5 Nxe5 26.Be4** -8.51/24
[ ⌓26.Nxe5 -4.21/22 Rxe5 27.Be4 ]

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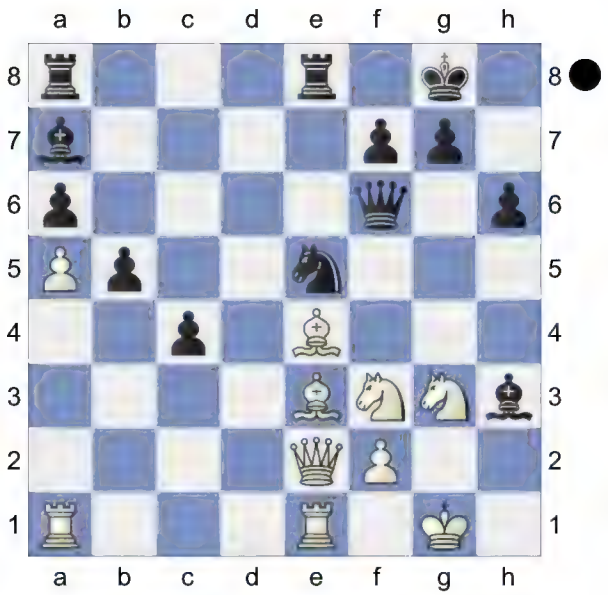
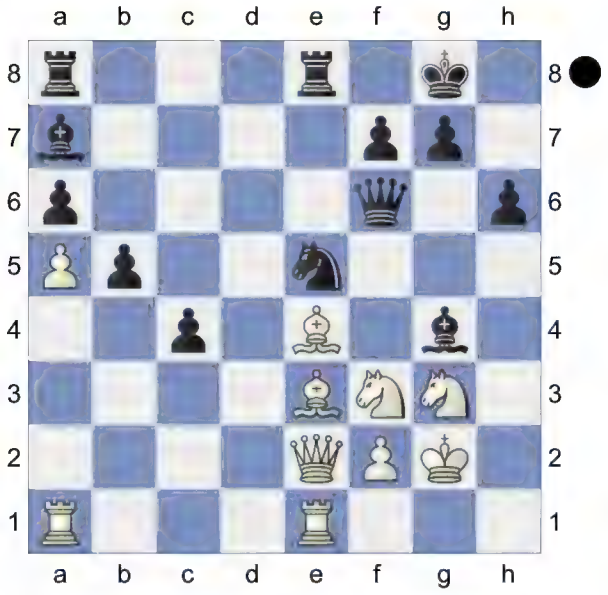


**26...Bg4! 27.Kg2**



**Bxe3! 28.fxe3 Rad8 29.Rf1 Ng6 30.Bxg6 Qxg6 31.Rad1** White is weak on the light squares **31...h5 32.Rh1 c3 33.e4 b4 34.Rd3 Rxd3 35.Qxd3 Bxf3+ 36.Kxf3 Qf6+ 37.Nf5 Rd8 38.Qe3 g6** Pin **39.Rg1 c2 40.Qb3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/ Black=0.27 (precise)
**40...Rc8**
**0-1**

**140** **C78**
□ **Granda Zuniga,J** **2612**
■ **Fedorchuk,Sergey A** **2601**
1st Ruy Lopez Open rapid (8) 25.03.07
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.Nxe5N**
[ 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
[ 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
[ 7.d3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.axb5 axb5 10.h3 h6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Ne2 g4 13.hxg4 Bxg4 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ke7 17.Qe1 Rhg8 18.Qh4 Rg6 19.Rxf6 1-0 Gregersen, E (1894)-Saliba,K (1570) Reykjavik op 2023 (1) ]
**7...Nxe5 8.d4 Bxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.c3 0-0 11.f3 h6 12.Bc2 Bb7 13.Bf4** The position is equal. **13...Re8 14.Nd2 Ng6** A dynamic duo of knights. **15.Bg3 Nh5 16.f4 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Nf8 18.Rae1 c5 19.Qf2 Qd7 20.Nf3 Nh7 21.e5**
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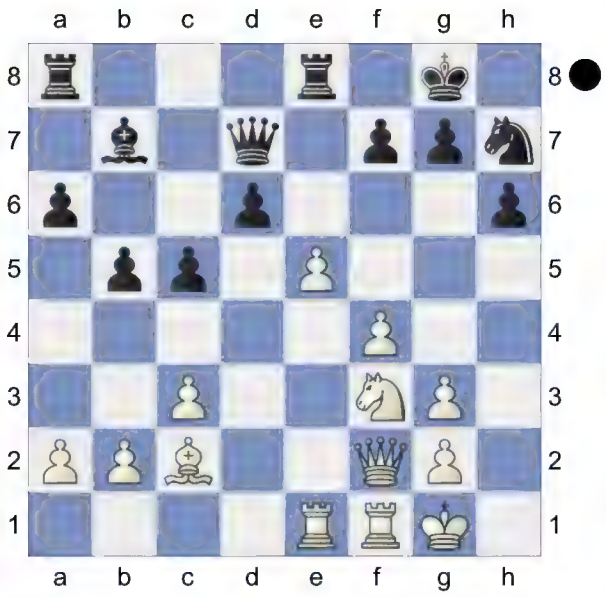
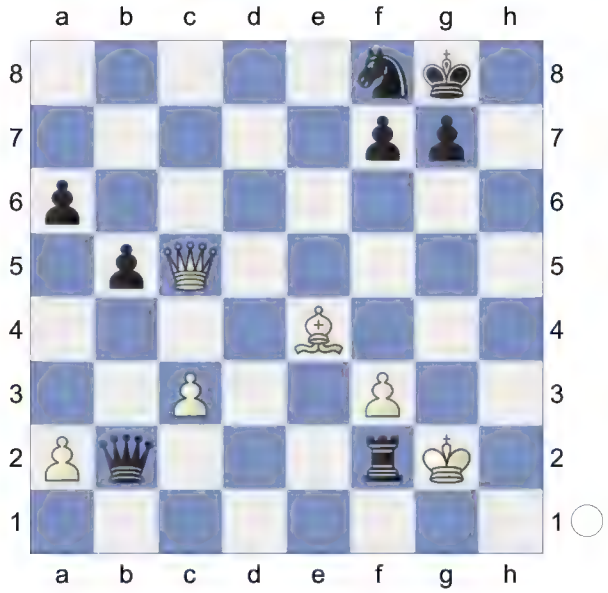


And now Rd1 would win. **21...dxe5 22.Nxe5 Qc7 23.g4 Re7 24.Qh4** -0.50/23
[ 24.Re3± 0.51/20 ]
**24...Nf8!∓ 25.Nf3** -1.12/24
[ 25.b3∓ -0.37/21 ]
**25...Rxe1** -0.62/23
[ 25...Rae8∓ -1.12/24 and ...Rxe1! would now be decisive 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 ]
**26.Qxe1 Bd5** -0.23/21
[ 26...Qxf4?! 27.Ne5 Qg5 28.Rf5± *( 28.Nxf7 Qxg4 29.Qf2 Qe6=; 28.Rxf7 Rb8± )*]
[ 26...Bxf3∓ -0.64/21 27.Rxf3 c4 ]
**27.g5** -0.97/24
[ 27.Qe3= -0.23/21 remains equal. ]
**27...Qxf4∓ 28.gxh6** -1.22/24
[Better is 28.Qe7 -0.73/21 ]
**28...Qxh6**
[ 28...Bxa2? 29.hxg7 Ng6 30.Bxg6 fxg6 31.Nd2+- *( 31.Ne5 Qg5+- )*]
This costs White the game. **29.Qe5?** -5.28/22
[ 29.Qe7∓ -1.20/21 is a better chance. ]
**29...Bxf3-+** Black is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 29...Bxa2 30.Qxc5 Re8 31.Bd3∓ ]
**30.gxf3 Rd8** Against Rd1 **31.Rf2 Qc1+ 32.Kg2 Rd2**
[ 32...Qxb2? 33.Bh7+ perishes. *( 33.Qxc5? Qc1-+ )* 33...Kxh7 34.Rxb2+- ]
**33.Be4 Qxb2 34.Qxc5 Rxf2+**



Deflection **35.Qxf2 Qxc3** Endgame KQB-KQN. Black is two pawns up. **36.Bd5 Ng6 37.f4 Qd3 38.Bb3 Qe4+ 39.Kg3 Ne7 40.Bc2 Nf5+ 41.Kh3 Qe3+ 42.Qxe3 Nxe3 43.Be4 Nd1 44.a3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.12 (very precise)
**44...Nf2+**
**0-1**

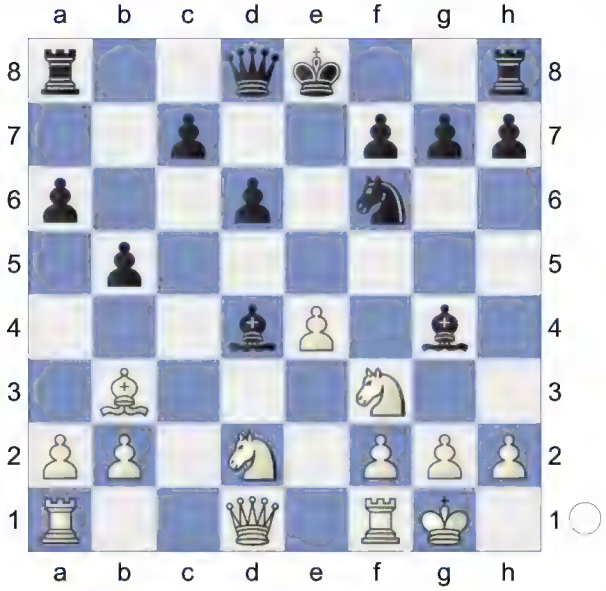
**141** **C78**
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2658**
■ **Hartl,Daniel** **2248**
AUT-chT 2425 (4.6) 12.10.2024
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4**

**Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3!** now scores much better than the old 9.a4.punktet besser als das ältere 9.a4. **9...Bg4N**

[ 9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**10.Nbd2 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4** White is slightly better. **12.Bxd4 Bxd4**



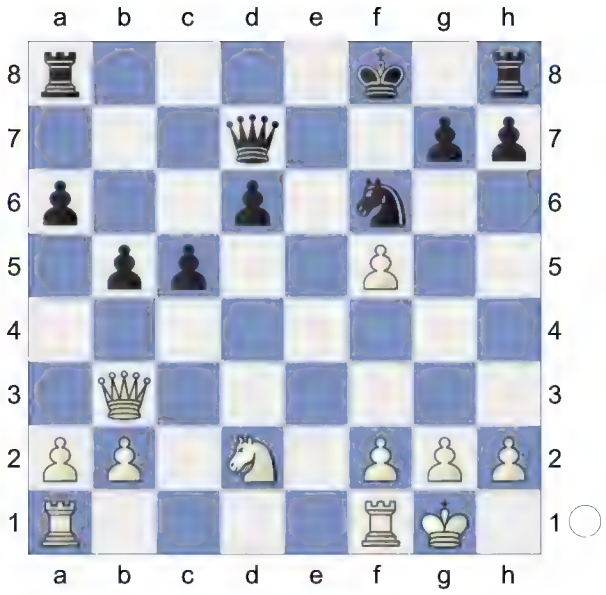
**13.Bxf7+** Decoy **13...Kxf7 14.Qb3+ Kf8?** 2.51/19

[ 14...d5± 0.61/19 ]

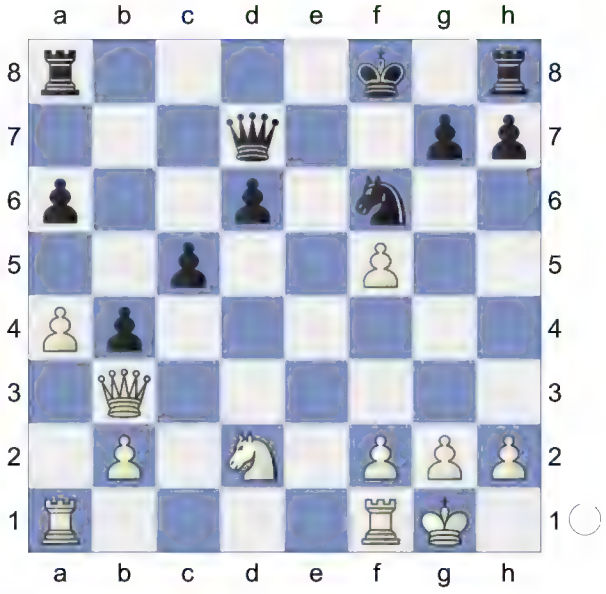
**15.Nxd4+- Qe8N** 4.17/21

[ 15...c5 16.Nf5 0.71/20 *( 16.N4f3+-* 2.05/21 *)* 16...Bxf5 1.47/20 *(Black should try 16...c4* 0.71/20 *17.Qg3 Bxf5 18.exf5 Kf7 )* 17.exf5± aiming for Rae1. Qd7

(Diagram)



18.a4! b4 2.28/20 *( 18...bxa4±* 1.46/20 is a better defense. *19.Rxa4 Qxf5 )*



19.Nc4!+- Qf7? 5.10/22 *( 19...Rd8* 2.22/21 *20.Rfe1 Qxf5 )* 20.Rad1 d5 21.Ne5 Qc7 1-0 (39) Cassi,E (2028)-Hasini,K (1758) Wch U20 Girls 40th 2024 (5) ]

[ 15...c5 2.19/20 ]

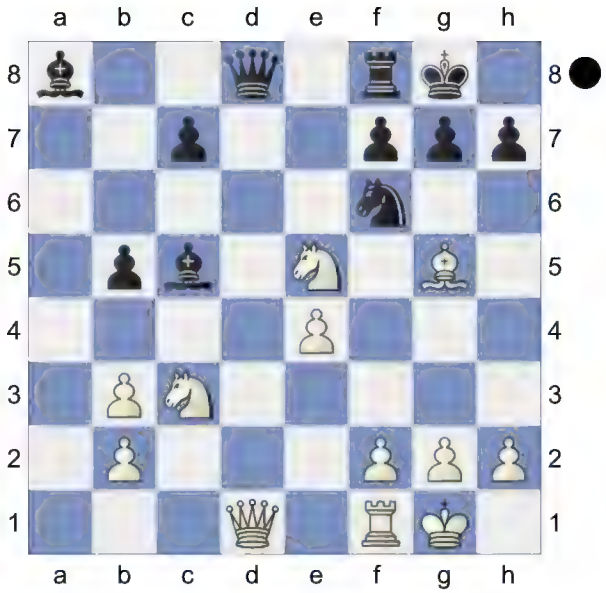
**16.h3+- Bd7 17.Rfe1 Qf7 18.Qa3 Kg8 19.e5 dxe5 20.Rxe5 Re8 21.Rae1 Rxe5 22.Rxe5 h6 23.Re7**

[ 23.Qxa6 Kh7 24.Qa3 *( 24.Nxb5*

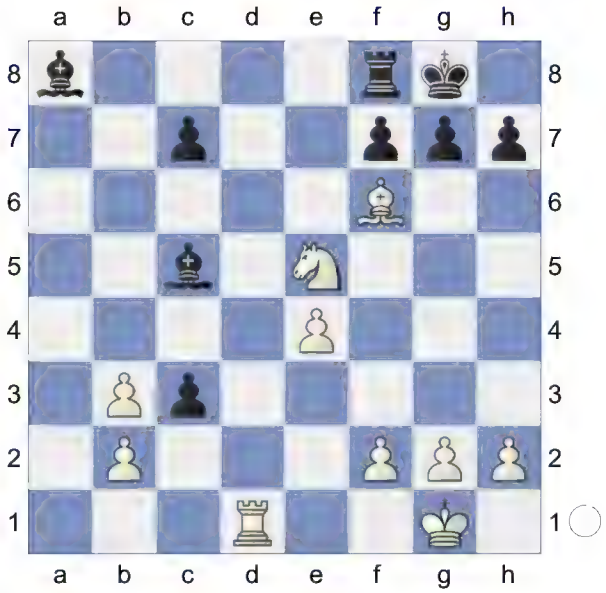
*Qg6± )* 24...Re8± ]
**23...Qg6** 7.69/24
[ 23...b4 3.69/22 24.Qxb4 *( 24.Qxa6? loses. Qxe7 25.Qd3 Qd6-+ )* 24...Qg6 25.Qc4+ Kh7 ]
**24.N4f3**
[Less strong is 24.Qxa6 Bxh3 25.Qc6 *( 25.Nxb5? Qxg2# )* 25...Kh7± ]
**24...Bc6 25.Qxa6**
[ 25.Rxc7 Bxf3 26.Nxf3 *( 26.Qxf3 Kh7± )* 26...Kh7± ]
**25...Nh5** 6.30/26
[ ⌓25...Nd5 4.26/23 ]
**26.Nh4 Qg5 27.Rxc7 Qxd2 28.Qc8+ Kh7** Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=1.23
**29.Qf5+**
**1-0**

**142** **C78**
□ **Kasparov,Garry** **2849**
■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2770**
(m/11) 80/361 2000
*[Mon Hokmome]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7 8.d3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.axb5 Nxb3**
[ 10...axb5 keeps more tension. 11.Bd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bd6 ]
**11.cxb3 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8** A strong pair of Bishops. **13.Nxe5** White is slightly better. **13...d5 14.Bg5 dxe4** 0.69/23
[ 14...Be7!= 0.27/22 ]
**15.dxe4±**
(Diagram)



Threatens to win with Bg5xf6. **15...Qxd1 16.Rxd1 b4!**
[ 16...Nxe4? 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Nd7+- ]
**17.Bxf6** &Bianco is more active.
**17...bxc3**



**18.bxc3!** Strongly threatening Ne5-d7. **18...gxf6 19.Nd7 Bd6** Hoping for ...Rf8-c8. **20.Nxf8 Kxf8 21.f3 h5N**
[ 21...Ke7 22.g4 Bb7 23.Kg2 Bc8 24.h4 Be6 25.c4 c5 26.Ra1 Bf4 27.Ra6 Kd7 28.Kf2 Kc7 29.Ke2 h6 30.h5 Kb7 31.Ra1 Kb6 32.Kd3 Be5

33.Ra8 Bf4 34.Rh8 Kc6 35.Re8 Kc7 36.Ra8 8.♗g3 ♘e4 9.♘d2 ♘g3 (2590)-Paty,K (2488) Debrecen 2008 CBM 91-C47 [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (59) ]

**22.h4 Ke7 23.Kf2 Bb7 24.c4 Be5** 1.00/24

[ 24...Ke6± 0.59/24 ]

**25.Rd2** 0.52/24

[ Better is 25.Ke3± 1.00/24 ]

**25...Bc8 26.Rd5** 0.01/24

[ 26.Ke3± 0.54/25 ]

**26...Be6!= 27.Ra5 c5 28.Ke3 Bd4+ 29.Kd3** 0.01/23

[ 29.Kd2± 0.36/25 ]

**29...f5** The position is equal. **30.b4 fxe4+ 31.Kxe4 Bf2 32.bxc5 Bxh4 33.c6 Kd6 34.Rxh5 Bf2 35.g4 Kxc6 36.Rh2 Bc5 37.Rc2 f6 38.Rh2 Bxc4 39.Rh6 Bd5+ 40.Kf5 Bxf3 41.g5 Kd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

**143** **C78**

□ **Uritsky,Yonathan** **2285**

■ **Kalogeris,Ioannis** **2454**

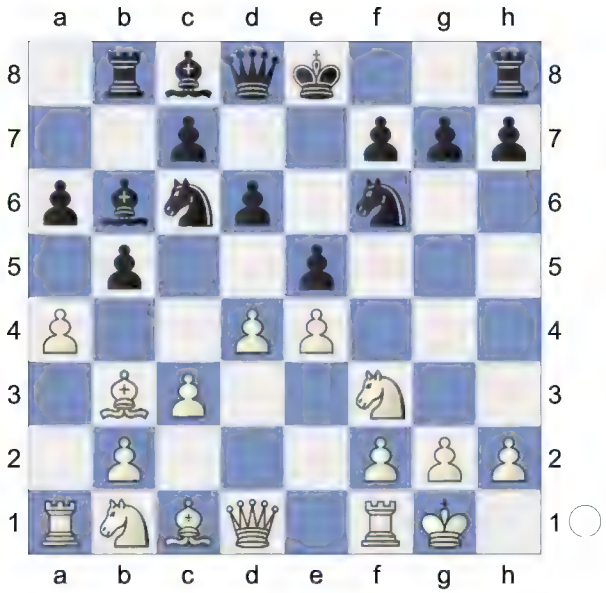
EU-ch 25th Eforie Nord (3) 17.03.2025

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6!**

(Diagram)



**10.a5!** 10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5. 10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5.

[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.h3** Dodges Bg4 **11...0-0**

[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]

**12.Be3** White is slightly better.

**12...Ra8N**

[ 12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8 14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5*

*29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**13.Nbd2 Bb7 14.Re1 Kh8N** 1.17/20

[ 14...Re8 15.Ng5 Re7 16.Ndf3 -0.01/20 *( 16.d5± 0.60/18 Nb8 17.Bxa7 Rxa7 18.c4 )* 16...h6= 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.dxe5 Bxe3! 19.exf6 Ba7! 20.fxg7 -0.48/19 *( 20.Bxf7+=* 0.25/19 *Kxf7 21.Qd5+ Kf8 22.fxg7+ Kxg7 23.c4 )* 20...Qf6 ½-½ (79) Ding, L (2811)-Maghsoodloo,P (2719) Tata Steel-A 85th 2023 (2) ]

[ Better is 14...Re8!± 0.39/23 ]

**15.Nf1!± exd4 16.cxd4 d5**

[ 16...Nxe4? 17.d5+- ]

**17.e5 Ne4** Against Bg5 **18.Ng3 Nxg3** 2.93/18

[ 18...f6± 1.16/21 ]

**19.fxg3+- f6 20.Bc2** 1.15/20

[ 20.exf6+- 2.76/18 is more deadly. Qxf6 21.Kh2 *( 21.Bxd5 Rae8± )*]

**20...fxe5± 21.Nxe5→** White goes for the king. **21...Nxe5 22.Qh5!** Double Attack

[ 22.dxe5? d4 23.Qh5 *( 23.Qd3? g6-+ )* 23...d3 *( 23...dxe3 24.Qxh7# )* 24.Bxd3 Qxd3-+ ]

**22...g6 23.Qxe5+ Kg8** Black is weak on the dark squares **24.Rac1 Re8** 1.52/20

[ ⌓24...Qd6 0.76/20 ]

**25.Qf4 c6** 2.79/19

[ 25...Qd6± 1.52/19 ]

**26.Kh2+- Re7?** 3.95/21

[ 26...Qe7 2.24/20 27.Bg1 Qf7 ]

**27.b4** 2.36/21

[ ⌓27.Qh6 3.95/21 Threatens to win with Bg5. Qxa5 28.Bg5 *( 28.Bxg6 hxg6 29.Bf4 Rxe1+- )*]

**27...Rf7 28.Qh6 Qf8 29.Qxf8+** 0.10/25

[ 29.Qh4+- 3.07/22 ]

**29...Raxf8= 30.Bh6** -0.01/21

[ 30.Rcd1!± 0.63/22 ]

**30...Bxd4! 31.Bxf8 Kxf8 32.Bb3 Bb2 33.Rc2 Bd4**

[ 33...Ba3 34.Rb1 Bxb4 35.Bxd5 cxd5 36.Rxb4± ]

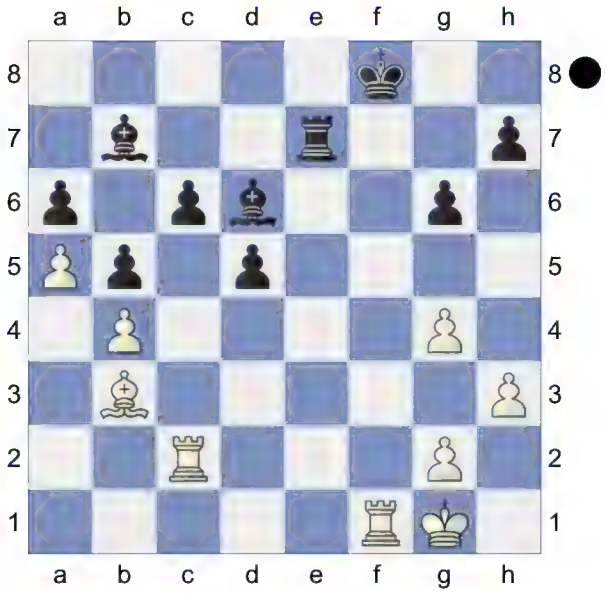
**34.g4 Re7** Black has compensation.

**35.Rd1** -1.74/19

[ 35.Rxe7= -0.10/21 and White is okay. Kxe7 36.Rc1 ]

**35...Be5+-+ 36.Kg1 Bd6 37.Rf1+** -2.51/20

[ 37.Rd4∓ -1.55/19 was necessary. ]




**37...Ke8! 38.Rf6** -3.61/21

[ ⌓38.Rb1 -2.31/21 ]

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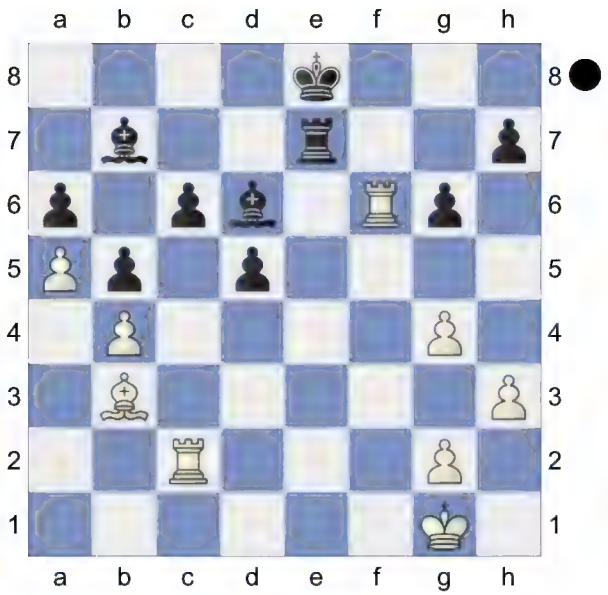
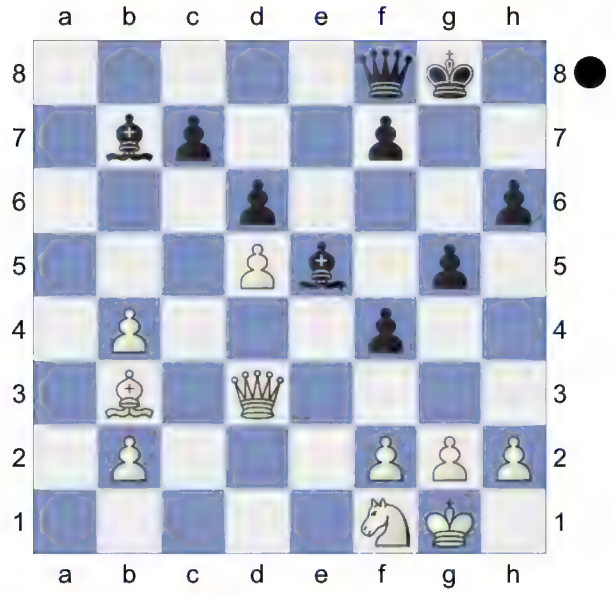


**38...Kd7!**
[ 38...Bxb4 39.Rcxc6 Bxa5 40.Rxa6∓ ]
**39.h4?** -6.22/18
[ 39.Rc5 -3.24/20 ]
**39...Bxb4 40.h5 gxh5 41.gxh5 Bxa5 42.g4 Bb6+ 43.Kf1 Bd4 44.Rf8** -6.06/19
[ ⌓44.Rf3 -4.03/18 Be3 45.Ke2 Bg5+ 46.Kd1 ]
**44...a5** Black is clearly winning. **45.Rc1 a4 46.Bc2 a3 47.Bb3 b4 48.g5** Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.27 (precise)
**48...Be3**
**0-1**

**144** **C78**
□ **Tang,Zoey** **2325**
■ **Kavutskiy,Kostya** **2351**
Titled Tue 25. Mar Late (8) 25.03.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Bb7 9.d4 Bb6 10.Re1**
[ 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]
**10...0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 g5N**
[ 12...exd4
**A)** 13.cxd4 g5 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Nxd4 16.Bd5 Ne6 17.Bh4 Bxd5 *( 17...c6 18.Qf3 Kg7 19.Ra3 Bd4 20.Qg3+ Kh7 21.e5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 dxe5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Be4+* 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8*)* 18.exd5 Ng7 19.Qf3 Re8 20.Nc3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Bd4 22.Re4 Bxf2+ 23.Qxf2 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Qc8 25.Nf6+ Kf8 26.g4 bxa4 27.Bg5 Qb7 (40) 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8;
**B)** 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.cxd4 Re8 16.Nc3 Na5 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Bc2 b4 19.Na4 Ba7 20.Qd3 Nc6 21.e5 dxe5 22.dxe5 Qg6 23.Qxg6 fxg6 24.Bxg6 Re6 25.Be4 Nxe5 26.Nxe5 Rxe5 27.Bh7+ ½-½ (35) Zlebcik,L-Sykora, J CZE-ch1 corr8284 1982 ]
**13.Bg3**
[ 13.Nxg5 is interesting. hxg5 14.Bxg5 exd4 15.Bd5 ]
**13...Re8 14.d5** -0.34/20
[ 14.Qd3= 0.28/21 ]
**14...Ne7∓ 15.Nbd2 Ng6** Black is slightly better. **16.Nf1 Nf4** -0.15/20
[ 16...h5∓ -0.63/21 ]
**17.axb5** -0.81/21

[ 17.Ne3= -0.15/20 ]
**17...axb5∓ 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Nd4?** -4.85/23
[ 20.Bc2∓ -0.97/20 ]
**20...Rxe4-+**
[ 20...Nxe4? 21.Qf3 Nf6 *( 21...Bxd5? 22.Bxd5 Qxd5 23.Nd2-+ )* 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.g3-+ ]
**21.Rxe4 Nxe4 22.Qh5** -6.53/25
[ ⌓22.Qf3 -4.45/21 Qe8 *( 22...Bxd5? 23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Nd2-+ )* 23.Qe2 ]
**22...Qf8?** -1.61/20
[ 22...Bxd4 -6.53/25 23.cxd4 Bxd5 24.Qxh6 Bxb3 ]
**23.Qf3** -4.33/21
[ 23.Qe2 -1.61/20 Nf6 24.Qxb5 ]
**23...Bxd4?** -1.40/24
[ 23...Qe8-+ -4.33/21 24.g3 Qe5 ]
**24.Qxe4∓ Be5** -0.93/21
[Black should try 24...Bg7 -1.38/22 25.g3 Qc8 ]
**25.Qd3** -2.06/21
[ 25.Bc2∓ -0.93/21 was forced. Qd8 26.Qd3 ]
**25...b4 26.cxb4** -2.43/22
[ 26.Qb5∓ -1.33/23 Qa8 27.Qxb4 ]




**26...Qa8** -1.13/21
[ 26...Bxb2 27.Qc2 Bd4 28.Qe4∓ *( 28.Qxc7 Qe8∓ )*]
[ 26...Qe7!-+ -2.43/22 has better winning chances. 27.Qc4 Bc8 *( 27...Bxb2 28.Qb5∓ )*]
**27.Bc2** -2.47/22 White is weak on the dark squares
[ 27.Qc4∓ -1.13/21 is a better defense. ]
**27...Bg7** Active counter play!
[ 27...Bxb2 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qxh6+ Ke8 30.Qxg5± ]
**28.Bb3** -2.95/23
[ ⌓28.h4 -1.80/23 ]
**28...Qa1-+**
[ 28...Bxb2 29.h4-+ ]
**29.Qc2?** -5.01/25
[ 29.Qc4 -2.01/24 Qxb2 *( 29...Bxb2 30.Qxc7 Qa3 31.Qxb7= )* 30.Qxc7 ]
**29...Ba6** A strong pair of Bishops.
[ 29...Bxb2 30.Qxc7 Qa3 31.Qxd6 Qxb3 32.Qb8+ *( 32.Qxh6 Qxd5 33.f3 Bd4+ 34.Kh1 g4-+ )* 32...Kg7 33.Qxb7= ]
**30.Bc4 Bxc4**
[ 30...Bxb2? 31.Bxa6 Bd4 32.Qe2+- ]
**31.Qxc4 Qxb2**
[Less strong is 31...Bxb2 32.Qxc7 Bd4 33.Qc2∓ ]
**32.Qxc7** -#15/28
[ 32.Qd3-+ -4.40/27 Qxb4 33.g3 ]

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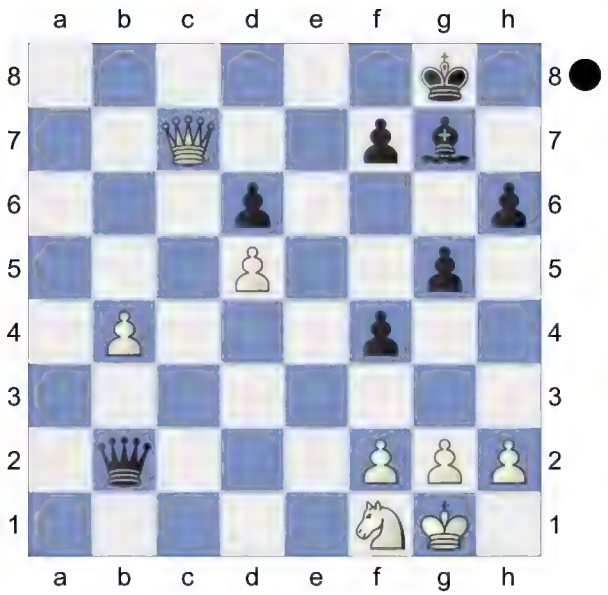

**32...Qxb4?** -0.08/28 KQB-KQN. Black is a pawn up.

[ 32...Bd4! -#15/28 mates 33.Qc8+ Kg7 34.h4 Qxf2+ *( 34...Qxb4 35.hxg5 hxg5 36.Qf5= )* 35.Kh2 Qxf1 36.Qf5 Qe1 *( 36...gxh4? 37.Qg4+ Kf6 38.Qf3-+; 36...Qg1+* leads to mate. *37.Kh3 Qe3+ 38.Kh2 Qg3+ 39.Kh1 Qxh4+ 40.Qh3 Qe1+ 41.Kh2 Qg1# )* 37.hxg5 Qg3+ *( 37...Qxb4? 38.gxh6+ Kxh6 39.Qxf4+ Kg6 40.Qg4+ Kf6 41.Qh4+ Ke5 42.Qe7+ Kxd5 43.Qxf7+ Kc5 44.Qc7+ Kb5 45.Qd7+ Ka5 46.Qd8+ Ka4 47.g3-+ )* 38.Kh1 Qh4+ *( 38...hxg5 39.Qd7 Qh4+ 40.Qh3 Qe1+ 41.Kh2 Qg1# )* 39.Qh3 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Qg1# ]

**33.Qd8+= Bf8 34.h4** The position is equal. **34...g4** and ...g3! should not be overlooked **35.Qd7 f3 36.gxf3 gxf3 37.Qh3**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.12/ Black=1.05

**37...Qe4** Loss on time!?

**0-1**

**145** **C78**

□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2795**

■ **Oll,Lembit** **2650**

EU-Cup 14th final (1) 11.01.1999

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C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences That was the best game of the event.There was a great tactical fight where Anand was on top.This game is from kind of games that any analyse can not be final.I just tried to understand what was happened in this game,and my analyse,of course, can be improved. In addition this game is very interesting because of various balances of pieces which happened in the game and variations,and always difficult to evaluate them.I used some analysing engines to check my analyses,(I ask excuse from readers,but they calculate quicker then me!)but they were confused not once in evaluations. Wedberg: 'This is a facinating struggle with a very intense middle game based only on tactics. Anand manages to walk through the mine field Oll is laying on the board without beeing blown away.' **1.e4** Tyomkin,D Tyomkin,D Tyomkin,D Wedberg Tyomkin,D: 'Tyomkin,Dimitri Wedberg Tyomkin,Dimitri: 'Tyomkin,D Wedberg" **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5** Wedberg: 'White is a ♙ up, so Black is forced to demonstrate some kind of counterplay or compensation.' **12...exd4** 'N' Wedberg.

[ 12...Bg4 Wedberg was the main line here, but

**A)** 13.Bc2 d5∞ Topalov,V-Shirov,A/ Wijk 1996/CBM 51/[Shirov]/½-½

(53);
**B)** 13.Be3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxe4 15.Bd5 Qe8 16.h3 *( 16.Qc2 Bxf3! 17.Bxc6 Qe6 18.gxf3 Qg6+= )* 16...Bf5 17.Re1 Nb4 18.Bc4 c6 19.Na3 d5= 1-0 Nijboer,F-Piket,J/Wijk aan Zee 1998/CBM 63 (36);
**C)** 13.Re1! Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Kh1± gave White a clear advantage in Svidler,P-Shirov,A/Linares 1998/CBM 64/[Svidler] (37) ]

**13.cxd4 Bg4 14.Re1!?N** Interesting novelty in modern variation of Spanish, which can turn the evoluation of the variation.After 14. ♗c2 was proved that white has no advantage.

[ 14.Bc2 0.17/20 14.Bb3-a4 0.51 d5 15.Bg5 -0.09/22 *( 15.e5 Ne4 16.Be3 f6⩱ ½-½* Morozevich,A-Georgiev,K/Porz GER 1998 (63)*; ⌓15.e5* 0.27/23 *Ne4 16.Ra3 )* 15...Bxf3= 16.Qxf3 Bxd4 17.exd5 -0.49/24 *(* White should play *17.Qe2!=* 0.04/19 *)* 17...Qxd5 -0.13/23 *( 17...Rxb5∓* -0.49/24 is superior. *18.Bxf6 Qxf6 )* 18.Qxd5 ½-½ Almasi,Z-Piket,J/Groningen NED 1998 (18) ]

[ 14.Ba4 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Be3 f6 17.Qc2 Nb4 18.Qb3 Ba5 19.Nd2 c6 20.Na7 Bf5 21.Nxe4 Bxe4 22.f3 Bg6 23.Qa3 Kramnik,V (2777)-Topalov,V (2735) Monaco 2004 [Kramnik,V] ]

**14...d5N** 0.63/23 Wedberg: 'Oll wants to clearify the situation in the centre.'

[ 14...Nxd4 Black had chance to take back the pawn,but continue for initiative,like after14. ♗c2. 15.Nbxd4 Bxd4
**A)** 16.Bxf7+ Rxf7 17.Qxd4 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Nh5 0.67/19 and Black has a counterplay. *( ⌓18...h6* 0.33/19*; 18...Nd7 19.Ra3 Nc5 20.Qc4 Qe8 21.f4 Qe6 22.Qxe6 Nxe6 23.f5 Nd4 24.Rd3 c5 25.Kf1 Re8 26.Bd2 Nc2 27.Rc1* 8.♘b3 00 9.f4 ♗e6 10.g4-Berkes,F Abu Dhabi 2021 The Week in Chess 352 [Stacy,Frank Newton] *)*;
**B)** 16.Bxf7+!± 0.46/23 Rxf7 17.Qxd4;
**C)** 16.h3 -0.40/21 16...Bxf3∓ 17.Qxf3 pherhaps Anand knew about this position,when he played 14. ♖e1(this move,of course,the result of home preparation)and hoped to get some advantage here with the pair of bishops,and active pieces. ]

[ 14...Nxd4= 0.30/22 15.Nbxd4 Bxd4 ]

**15.exd5±** &Bianco is more active.

[ 15.e5 -0.01/21 15.e4xd5 0.62 Ne4!⩱ ]

**15...Nxd5** White is slightly better. **16.h3! Bh5 17.g4** 0.34/20 '!' Wedberg. White should play this way,because black threatened to take on-d4(without capturing on-f3).

[ 17.Nc3 -0.11/20 17.Ra1-a4 0.63 Wedberg Bxf3
**A)** 18.Qxf3 Nxd4 19.Qxd5 Nxb3 20.Qxb3? -5.61/21 *( 20.Rb1=* -0.12/20 *)* 20...Bxf2+!-+;
**B)** 18.Qxf3= -0.06/21 Nxd4 19.Qxd5 Nxb3 20.Ra4;
**C)** 18.gxf3 -0.88/21 18...Ncb4⇄ 0.01/18 (Better is *18...Ndb4∓* -0.88/21 *19.Ne4 Nxd4 )*]

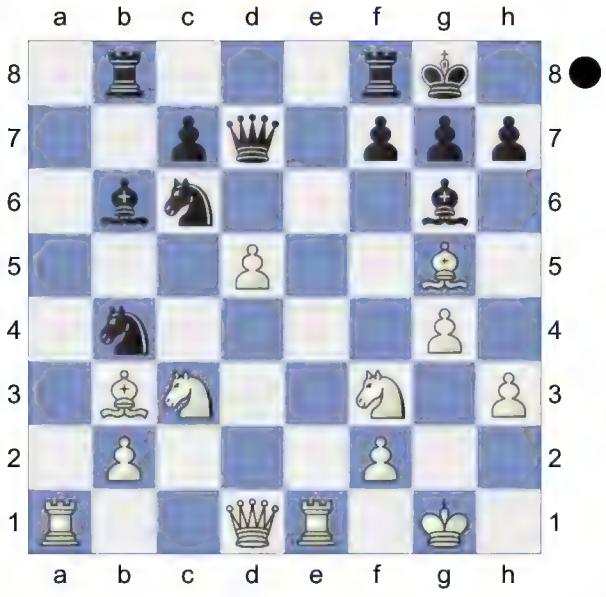
[ ⌓17.Bc4 0.69/21 ]

**17...Bg6 18.Nc3** -0.09/19

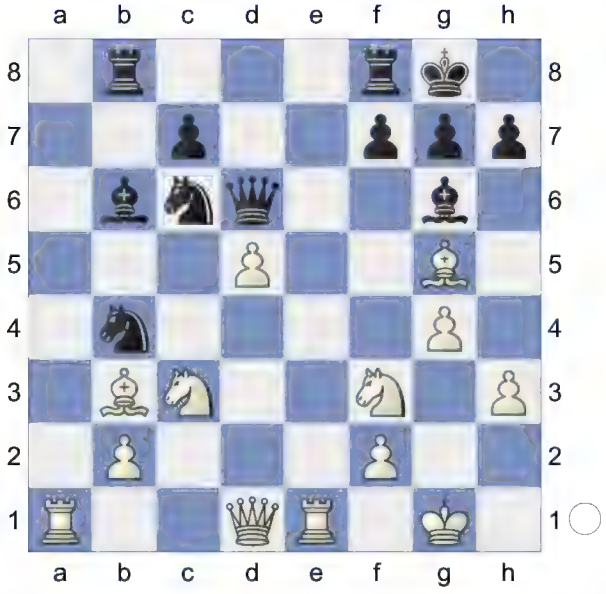
[ 18.Re2± 0.39/19 is more appropriate. ]

**18...Ndb4!=** Δ ♘d3 **19.Bg5 Qd7** White has pawn up,but the compensation of black is clear-kingside

of white is vulnerable,black pieces are very active.
[ 19...Qd6 0.67/23 19...Qd8-d7 0.21 20.Ne4 *( 20.Ne4! Wedberg Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Qg6 22.Rf4± )*]
**20.d5** -0.15/25
[ ⌓20.Ba4 0.29/21 ]



**20...Qd6!** 0.43/25 Δ ♕g3 Logical,but wrong,because of next perfect reply of Anand.



**21.Kf1!±** That is the only and best move for white.Anand wards off threats of black like Fritz!
[ 21.dxc6? -2.28/23 21.Kg1-f1 0.66 Qg3+! 22.Kh1 Qxh3+ 23.Nh2 Threatens to win with Qd1-f3. Nd3→ '↑' Wedberg. ]
[ 21.Kf1!? Nd4 22.Nxd4± ]
[ 21.dxc6? Qg3+ 22.Kh1 Bxf2-+ ]
[ 21.Ne4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Qg3+ 23.Kh1 Qxh3+ 24.Kg1 Qg3+ 25.Kh1 Bxf2 26.dxc6 Nd3∓ ]
**21...Na5 22.Be7 Qf4** '!?' Wedberg.
**23.Rxa5** -0.01/22 Again Anand choose the best. **23...Bxa5= 24.Re3** '!' Wedberg. . Inhibits Nb4-d3. Much better than to take on f8 immediatly.
**24...Bb6!⇄**
[ 24...Rfe8? 2.01/26 24...Ba5-b6 -0.01
**A)** 25.Ne2? -0.63/26 25.d5-d6 1.80 Qh6 -0.12/24 *( 25...Qxe3!∓* -0.63/26 *26.fxe3 Rxe7 )* 26.Kg2 -0.50/23 *( 26.h4=* -0.12/24 feels stronger. *Qxe3 27.fxe3 Rxe7 28.h5 )* 26...Nd3!;
**B)** 25.d6! Wedberg Qh6? 4.08/24 *( 25...Bb6* 1.86/26 *26.d7 Bxe3 27.dxe8Q+ Rxe8 )* 26.Kg2+- Nd3? 6.03/25 *( 26...Bb6* 3.76/22 *27.d7 Bxe3 28.dxe8Q+ Rxe8 )* 27.d7+-;
**C)** 25.d6! ]

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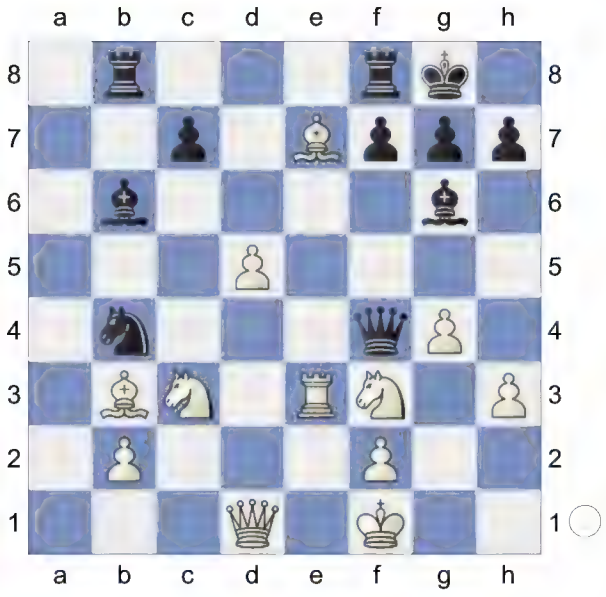
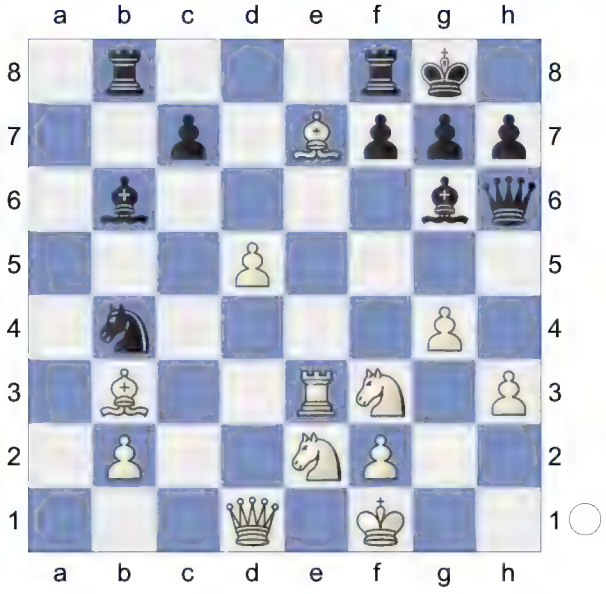


Black has counterplay **25.Ne2!** Pair of Knights! **25...Qh6**



**26.Kg2!** Wedberg: 'Anand is weawing a net around the Black ♕.' **26...Bxe3 27.g5**

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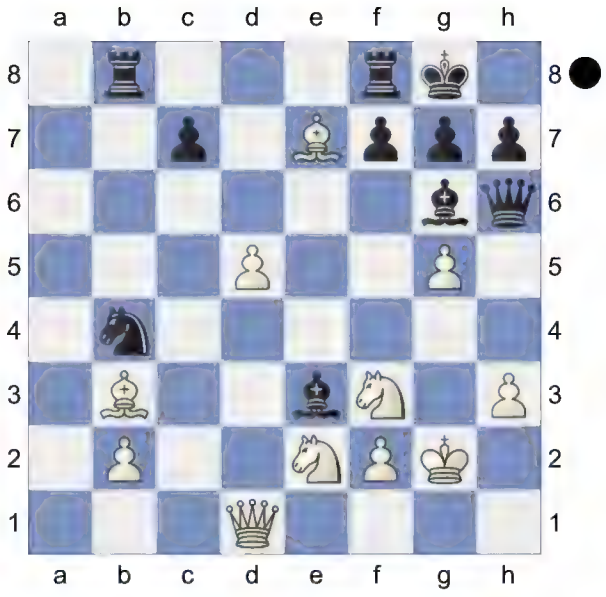
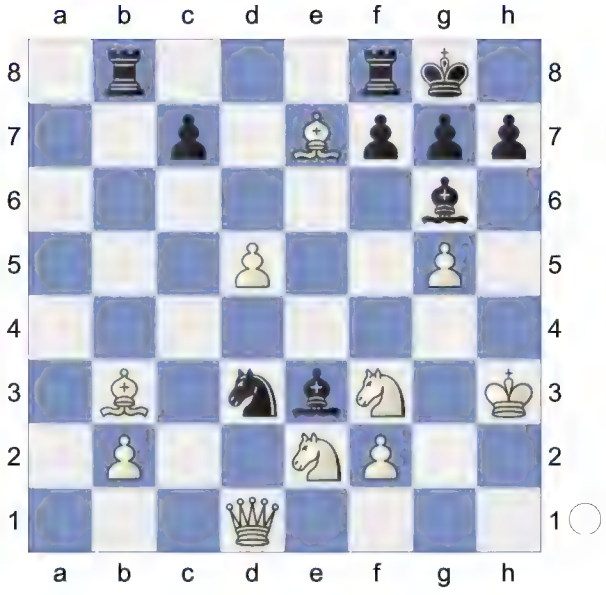


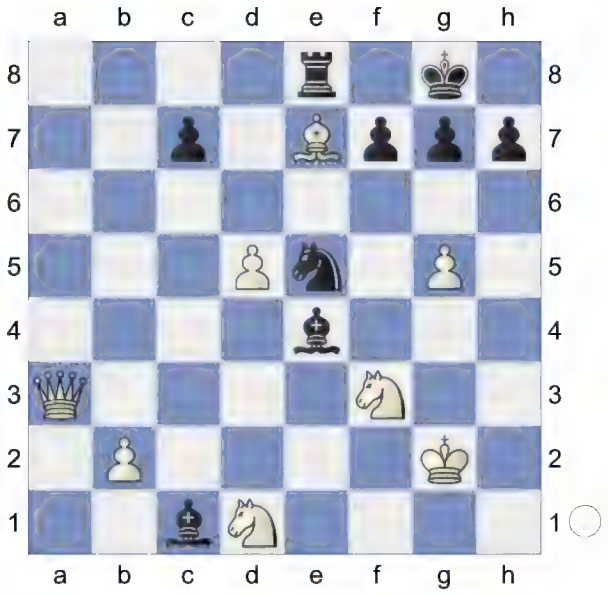
**Qxh3+** 1.31/24 Queen sacrifice which leads to very complicative position,were black has 2 rooks for queen and knight, but the initiative of black is very dangerous. **28.Kxh3± Nd3**



**29.Qa1!** The best place for the queen-in the corner! **29...Nxf2+ 30.Kg2 Rfe8** 1.93/24

[ 30...Rxb3?? 4.44/22 30...Rb8-a8 0.97 31.Bxf8 Qa1-a8 is the strong threat. Kxf8? 7.27/24 *( 31...Ng4* 3.77/23 *32.Bd6 h5 33.Bxc7 Be4 )* 32.Ned4!+- ]

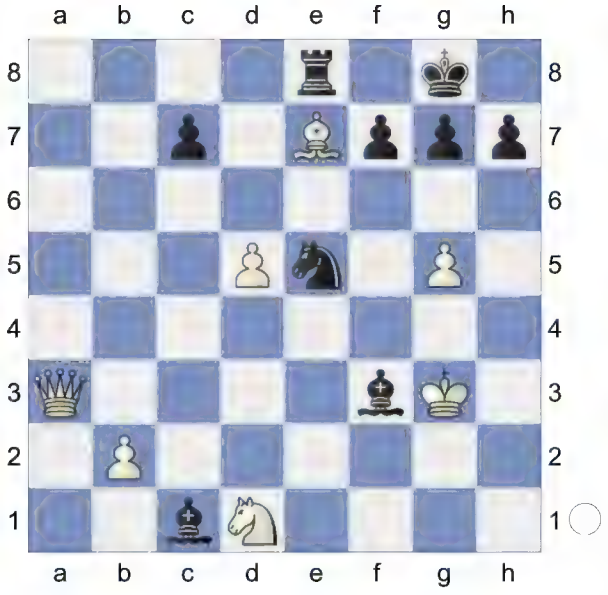
[ 30...Rxb3? 31.Bxf8 Rb8 *( 31...Kxf8? 32.Qa8+ Ke7 33.Ned4+- )* 32.Be7+- ]
[ 30...Ra8± 1.18/25 31.Ba3 Rfb8 ]
**31.Qa3+-** Wedberg: 'White protects his pieces and keeps the advantage.'
**31...Nd3 32.Nc3** -0.33/21 Against Bg6-e4
[ 32.Ba4!
**A)** 32...Bc5 2.85/26 32...Rb8xb2 1.75 33.Bxc5 Rxe2+ 34.Kg3!± And now Bc5-d4 would win. △Rbxb2 4.72/28 *( ⌓34...h5 2.33/24 )* 35.Bc2!;
**B)** 32...Rxb2!
**B1)** 33.Bxe8? -0.01/23 33.Qa3xb2 1.93 Rxe2+ 34.Kg3! Bf4+ *( 34...Bf5!? 35.Qa8 Bf2+ 36.Kh2 Bb6+ 37.Kg3 Bf2+ 38.Kh2 Bb6+ 39.Kg3 Bf2+= )* 35.Kg4 Rg2+-+;
**B2)** 33.Qxb2 Nxb2 34.Bxe8± ]
[White has to play 32.Ba4!+- 1.82/25 Rxb2 33.Qxb2! *( 33.Bxe8 Rxe2+ 34.Kg3 Bf5= )* 33...Nxb2 34.Bxe8 ]
**32...Bc1!∓**
[ 32...Rxb3? 33.Qxb3 h6 34.gxh6!+- ]
**33.Nd1** -0.76/23
[ 33.d6= -0.17/24 Bxb2 34.Qa7 cxd6 35.Nb5 Rxb5 36.Ba4 ]
**33...Be4** 0.01/22
[Black should try 33...Ra8!∓ -0.76/23 34.Ba4 Be4 ]
**34.Ba4!=**
[ 34.Bc4? Ne1+ 35.Kg3 Bxf3-+ ]
**34...Ne5?⊕** 0.97/22 Black had 3 moves-candidates.To choose the best black had to calculate "few" variations.Oll was in time-trouble,and hadn't time to calculate the right move.And another time 34...♘e5 looks logical,but logic doesn't work in crazy positions like this one.
[ ⌓34...Ra8! Tyomkin,D: '!?' '!?' '!?' Tyomkin,D: 'Wedber'Tyomkin,Dimitri: '!?' 'Tyomkin,D: '!?' Tyomkin,D: 'Wedberg'" g'. Strongly threatening ...Nd3-e5. I think that Anand understimated this move,while played 32.♘c3.
**A)** 35.Kg3 -0.43/24 35.Kg2-g1 0.01 Bf4+ 36.Kg4 h5+ 37.gxh6! f5+ -0.01/20 *( 37...gxh6∓* -0.41/22 *38.Nd4 Rxa4 39.Qxa4 Rxe7 )*;
**B)** 35.Kg3∓ -0.41/23 should be considered.;
**C)** 35.Bxe8 -0.84/25 35...Rxa3∓ 36.bxa3 Black must now prevent Nd1-c3.
**C1)** 36...Ne1+ -0.01/21 36...Nd3-e5 -0.65 37.Kf2! Nxf3 38.Nc3 Bxg5 *( 38...Nd2* 0.73/20 38...Bc1xg5 0.01 *39.Ne2! Bxa3! 40.Bxa3* aiming for Ne2-c3. *Bxd5= )* 39.Nxe4 Bxe7 40.Kxf3 Hoping for a3-a4. Bxa3=;
**C2)** 36...Ne5!! and black has better ending. ]
[ 34...Ne1+? 2.60/22 34...Rb8-a8 -0.45 35.Kf2? 0.95/24 *( 35.Kf1+-* 2.60/22 and White stays clearly on top. *Nxf3 36.Bxe8 Rxe8 37.Qa4 )* 35...Nxf3?? 4.08/21 *( 35...Nd3+ 36.Kf1!; 35...Nd3+±* 0.95/24 is a better chance. *36.Kf1 Ra8 )* 36.Bxe8+- Rxe8? 6.44/21 *( 36...Ne5* 3.69/19 *37.Bb5 h5 )* 37.Qa4! ]
[ 34...Ra8!? Wedberg ]
[Don't do 34...Ne1+ 35.Kf2 Nd3+ *( 35...Nxf3? 36.Bxe8 Ne5 37.Bb5+- )* 36.Kf1± ]
[ 34...Ra8!= -0.01/23 35.Kg1 Nxb2! 36.Bxe8 *( 36.Nxb2 Reb8∓ )* 36...Rxa3 37.Bxa3 Nxd1 38.Bxc1 Bxf3 ]
**35.Bxe8 Rxe8?** 2.75/27
[ 35...Bxf3+± 0.74/20 36.Kf1 Rxe8 ]



This move loses the game for Black.

**36.Kg3!+- Bxf3**

[ 36...Nxf3? 37.Qa4! Rb8 38.Qxe4+- ]



**37.Qc3!** Dancing on a razor blade.

**37...Bxd1** I think that here was the hole in Oll's calculations:

[ 37...Rxe7

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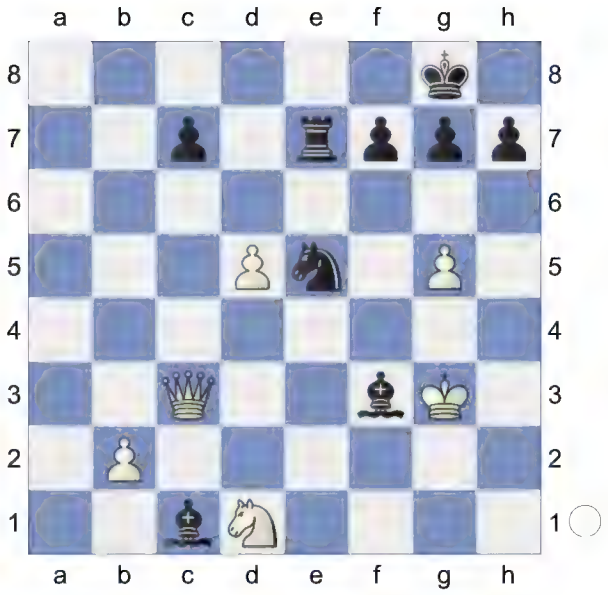

**A)** 38.Qxc1? 0.84/21 38.d5-d6 3.61 Bxd5 1.62/22 *( 38...f6± 0.84/21* keeps fighting.*)* 39.Qc5+- Rd7 black is ok.;

**B)** 38.d6! That's the point!In case of 38...Re8 39.dxc7+- ]

**38.Qxe5** Look at the way the queen made in this game!

[But not 38.Qxc1?! h5± ]

**38...Ba4** 3.75/21

[ ⌓38...h5 2.37/21 39.gxh6 gxh6 40.Qxc7 Bxb2 ]

**39.b4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.40 Δ♕xc7,Δ♕a1

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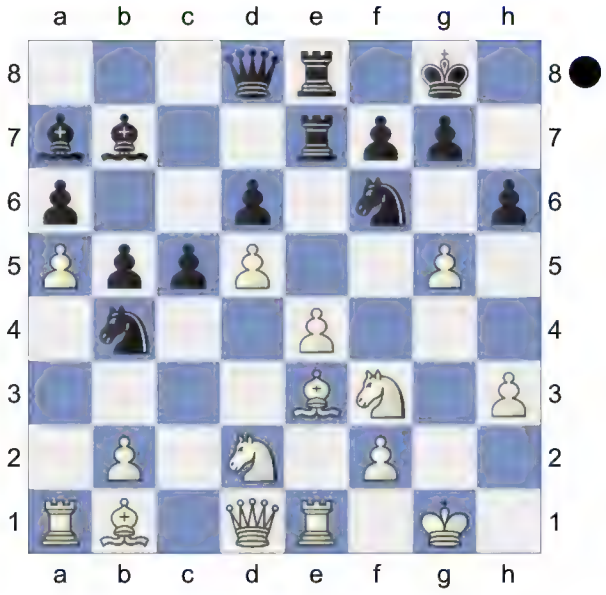
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6! 10.a5**

10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5.
10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5.
**10...Ba7 11.h3** Prevents Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...Ra8N 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 Re8**
[ 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bb7 19.Rc1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxd4 21.Qh5 Nd5 *( 21...Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nc5 Qd2 25.Rd1 Rae8 26.Rxd2 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 c5 28.f4 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc5 b4 32.b3 Rc8 33.Nxa6 cxb3 34.Bxb3 R1c3 35.Rb2* (37) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 22.Rf3 Qe7 *( 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qe7 24.Qd4 Qb4 25.Rd3* (27) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 23.Nxf7 Qxe4 24.Rxc7 Nf4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nxe4 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxb7 (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**15.Bc2 Bb7! 16.Bb1 exd4** 0.68/22
[ 16...Nb8= 0.15/20 ]
**17.cxd4± Nb4 18.Qb3! c5 19.d5 Rc8N** 0.69/21
[ 19...Nd7 0.94/20 19...Bxd5 0.37 20.g4! h5? 2.65/20 *( 20...Ne5!±* 0.60/18 *)* 21.gxh5+- Ne5? 3.64/18 *( 21...Bc8* 1.98/20 *22.Kh2 Nf6 )* 22.Nxe5? 0.17/20 *( 22.Kh2+-* 3.64/18 *)* 22...Rxe5= 23.Qd1! and h6 would now be decisive Bc8 1.33/22 *( 23...Qf6±* 0.56/21 *)* 24.f4 -0.01/21 (Better is *24.Ra3±* 1.33/22 *)* 24...Re8? 1.72/21 *( 24...Qh4!=* -0.01/21 and Black stays safe. *25.fxe5 Qg3+ 26.Kh1 Qxh3+ 27.Kg1 Qg3+ 28.Kh1 Qh4+ 29.Kg1 Bg4 )* 25.Ra3 1.22/21 *( 25.Nf3+-* 1.72/21 *)* 25...Qh4 0-1 (47) Oglezne v,A (2284)-Bernadskiy,V (2524) ROM-chT Eforie Nord 2023 (8.2) ]
[ 19...Bxd5!= 0.24/22 20.exd5 Nbxd5 ]
**20.Qd1± Rc7! 21.g4?** -0.85/22
[ 21.Ra3± 0.85/19 keeps the pressure on. ]
**21...Rce7∓ 22.g5** -0.97/23
[ 22.Ra3∓ -0.59/22 might be stronger. ]



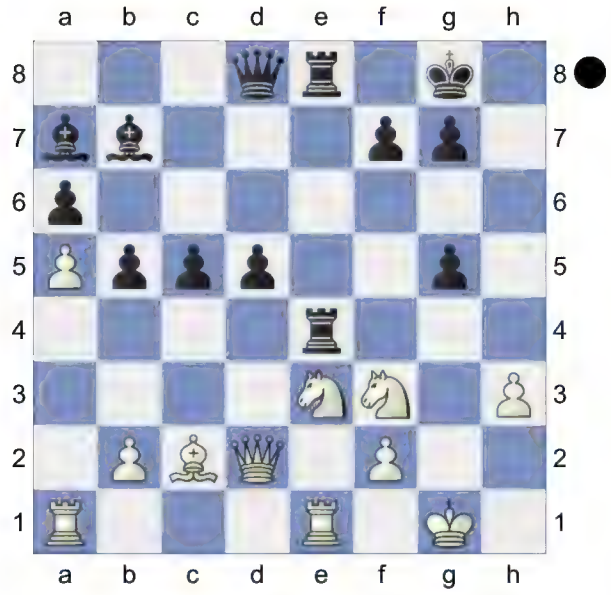
**22...Nfxd5! 23.exd5 Nxd5 24.Nf1** -3.90/19
[ 24.Qc2∓ -0.86/22 nothing else works. g6 *( 24...Nxe3 25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Qh8# )* 25.Ba2 ]
**24...Nxe3 25.Nxe3 hxg5 26.Bc2?** -4.89/20
[ 26.Bh7+ -2.22/22 Kxh7 27.Nxg5+ Kg8 28.Qh5 ]
**26...d5** -2.13/21
[ ⌓26...c4 -4.89/20 27.Nd4 g6 ]
**27.Qd3** -4.02/23

[ 27.Nxg5 -2.13/21 Rxe3 Discovered Attack, Decoy 28.Rxe3 Qxg5+ 29.Qg4 Qxg4+ 30.hxg4 Rxe3 31.fxe3 ]

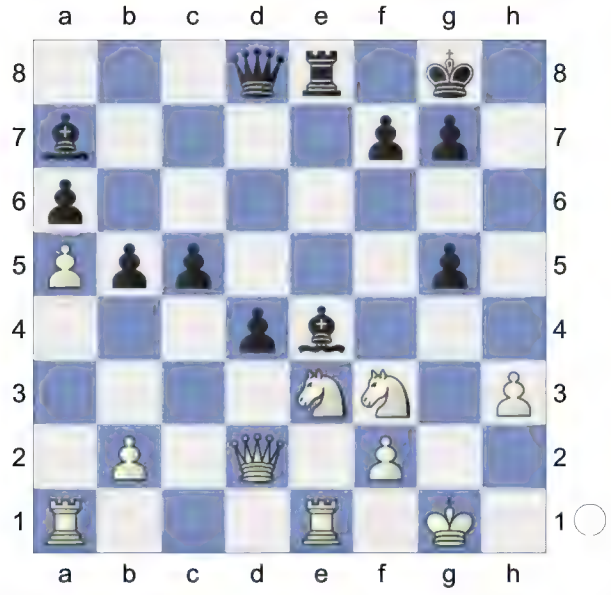
**27...Re4?** 0.01/20

[ 27...g6!-+ -4.02/23 28.Ng4 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 30.Nxe1 d4 ]

**28.Qd2!=**



**d4! 29.Bxe4 Bxe4**



**30.Nf5! Bxf5 31.Rxe8+ Qxe8 32.Qxg5** -4.74/22

[ 32.Re1= -0.01/20 Qd7 33.Qe2 ]

**32...Be6?** -0.30/25

[ 32...Bxh3 33.Re1 Be6 34.Qh5= ]

[ 32...Qd7!-+ -4.74/22 33.Re1 f6 *( 33...Bxh3? 34.Re7+-* Skewer *)*]

**33.Re1** -1.80/23

[ 33.Qh5!= -0.30/25 ]

**33...c4?** -0.01/26

[ 33...Qd7!-+ -1.80/23 34.Qe5 Kf8 *( 34...Bxh3? 35.Qe8+ Kh7 36.Qxd7+- )*]

**34.Qh4**

[ 34.Qh5 d3 35.Ng5 Qd7 36.Qh7+ ]

**34...Qd7**

[ 34...d3 with more complications. 35.Ng5 Qd7 36.Qh7+ Kf8 ]

**35.Ng5 Bf5** 1.29/20 Against Qh7+

[ 35...d3!= -0.01/24 36.Qh7+ Kf8 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qxg7 Kd6 ]

**36.Qf4!±** White wants to mate with Qxf5!. **36...Kf8** 1.64/27

[ 36...Bxh3? 37.Qf3 g6 *( 37...Qg4+ 38.Qxg4 g6 39.Re8+ Kg7 40.Qxh3 Kf6 41.Ne4+ Kg7 42.Qh8# )* 38.Nxh3+- *( 38.Qxh3 Qxh3 39.Nxh3 d3+- )*]

[ 36...Be6± 0.86/25 ]

**37.Qf3?** -0.26/25

[White must play 37.Re5+- 1.64/27 Bxh3 38.Nxh3 ]

**37...Bb8= 38.Qh5! Kg8** Prevents Qh8+

**39.Nxf7! d3** Dancing on a razor blade.

**40.Nh8?** -8.90/26

[ 40.Qh8+= -0.01/21 Kxf7 41.Qxb8 ]

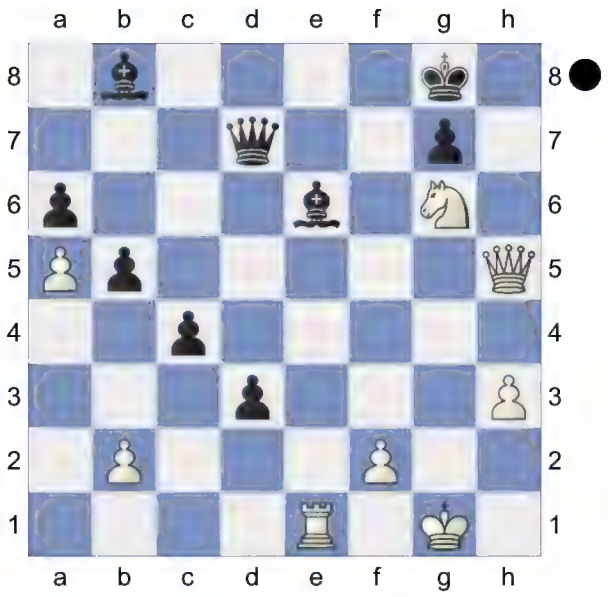
**40...Be6** -4.15/25 This pair of bishops is nice.

[ 40...Bxh3? 41.Re8++- ]

[ ⌓40...Bd6 -8.90/26 41.Ng6 d2 *( 41...Bxh3 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.Re7+ Bxe7 44.Ne5+ Kf6 45.Nxd7+ Bxd7 46.Qa8± )*]

**41.Ng6-+**

(Diagram)

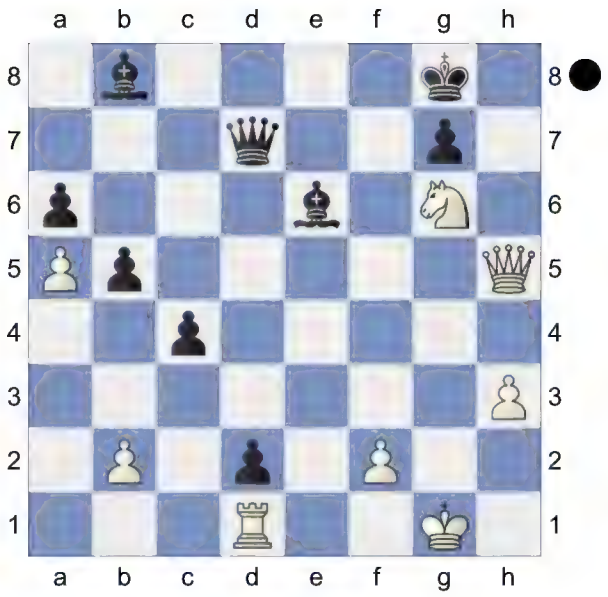


**d2!**

[ 41...Bxh3 42.Ne7+ *( 42.Qh8+ Kf7+- )* 42...Kf8 43.Qh8+ *( 43.Qf3+ Ke8+- )* 43...Kf7 44.Qg8+ *( 44.Qxb8? Qg4+ 45.Qg3 d2-+* Deflection*)* 44...Kf6 45.Qf8+ *( 45.Qxb8 Qg4+ 46.Qg3 d2∓ )* 45...Kg5 46.Qxg7+ *( 46.Qxb8 Qg4+ 47.Qg3 Qxg3+ 48.fxg3 Bg4+- )* 46...Kh5 47.Qg6+ *( 47.Qh8+ Kg5 48.Qg7+ Kh5 49.Qg6+ Kh4 50.Qh6+ Kg4 51.Re4+ Kf3 52.Qe3# )* 47...Kh4 48.Qh6+ *( 48.Qxa6? Qg4+ 49.Kh1 Qg2# )* 48...Kg4 49.Re4+ Kf3 50.Qe3# ]

**42.Rd1**

(Diagram)



**Qd6?→** -0.01/23 White needs to defend precisely. Active counter play!

[ 42...Bxh3 43.Qd5+ Qxd5 44.Ne7+ Kf7 45.Nxd5∓ ]

[ 42...c3!-+ -4.67/25 And now ...c2 would win. 43.Qh8+ Kf7 ]

**43.Qg5?** -37.18/31

[ 43.f4= -0.01/23 ]

**43...Qh2+** Black is clearly winning.

[ 43...Bxh3 44.Qd5+ Qxd5 45.Ne7+ Kf7 46.Nxd5∓ ]

**44.Kf1 Qxh3+**

[And not 44...Bxh3+ 45.Ke2 Kf7 46.Rg1= *( 46.Rxd2 Bf1+* Decoy *47.Kxf1 Qh1+ 48.Ke2 Qe4+ 49.Qe3 Qxe3+ 50.fxe3 Kxg6+- )*]

**45.Qg2 Qd3+ 46.Kg1 Qe2 47.Ne7+ Kf8 48.Ng6+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.85

**48...Ke8**

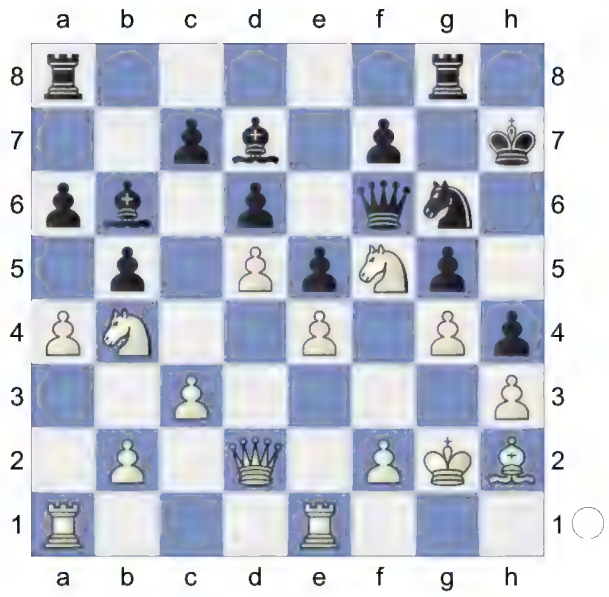
**0-1**

**147** **C78**
□ **Ertan,Can** **2371**
■ **Podat,Vladimir** **2250**
Karlsruhe Grenke op (9) 21.04.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

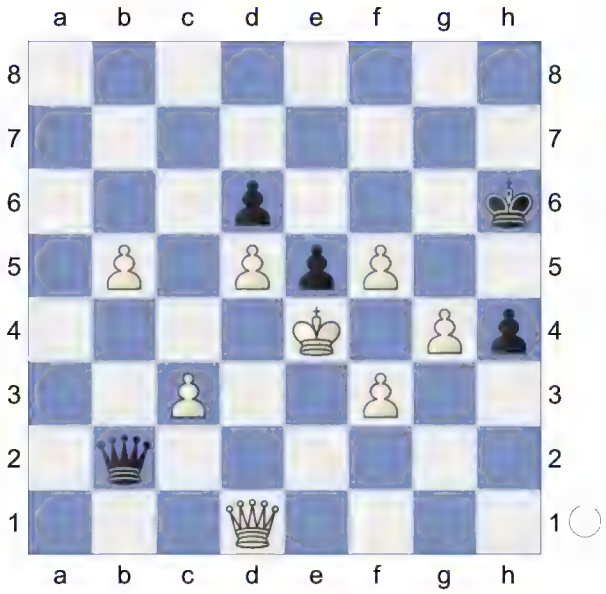
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.h3**
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**9...0-0 10.Bg5N**
[ 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 24.Rcd2 Bxd5 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]
**10...h6 11.Bh4 Re8** 0.36/20
[ 11...Bb7= -0.01/18 ]
**12.Re1** -0.01/23
[ 12.a4!± 0.36/20 ]
**12...Bb7= 13.Qd2** -1.32/25 13.Qd3 is setting a new trend.13.Dd3 setzt einen neuen Trend.
[ 13.Qd3= 0.08/23 ]
**13...Qe7N** 0.32/23
[ 13...Na5 -0.01/23 13...exd4 -1.51 14.Bc2 Nc4 0.56/24 *( 14...exd4=* 0.03/23 *15.cxd4 Nc4 )* 15.Qc1± Ba7 0.88/23 *( 15...exd4±* 0.52/22 *16.cxd4 Ba5 )* 16.Nbd2 0.42/24 *( 16.a4±* 0.88/23 *)* 16...Nb6 1.29/21 *( 16...Nxd2±* 0.42/24 *17.Qxd2 Qe7 )* 17.Nf1!± Nbd7 18.Ng3 Nf8 1.79/23 *( 18...Qe7±* 1.33/20 *19.a4 Qf8 )* 19.Nh5 0.95/22 *( 19.dxe5!+-* 1.79/23 *dxe5 20.Nf5 )* 19...Kh7? 4.40/25 1-0 (43) Munkhzul,D (1670)-Chernyshov,M (1895) Voronezh op-B 20th 2016 (2) *( 19...N8h7±* 0.95/22 is tougher. *)*]
[ 13...exd4∓ -1.32/25 14.Bd5 g5 15.Nxg5 *( 15.Nxd4? Nxd5 16.Nxc6 Bxc6-+; 15.Bxg5 hxg5 16.Qxg5+ Kh8∓ )* 15...Nxd5 ]
**14.Bd5 Rab8 15.Bxc6** -0.78/23
[ 15.a4± 0.55/21 keeps the upper hand. ]
**15...Bxc6∓ 16.d5** -1.48/23
[White should try 16.c4∓ -0.43/22 ]
**16...Bd7! 17.Na3 Kh7 18.Nc2 Rg8 19.g4 g5 20.Bg3 Kg7** -0.76/22
[Black should try 20...Rg7 -1.55/23 Hoping for ...h5. 21.Kg2 c6 ]
**21.Nh2 Nh7 22.Nf1 h5 23.Nfe3 h4** 0.10/24
[ 23...Qf6∓ -0.57/23 24.Kg2 a5 ]
**24.Bh2= Qf6 25.Kg2** Wards off Qf3+
**25...Nf8 26.Nf5+ Kh7 27.Nb4 Ra8 28.a4 Ng6** 0.80/22
[ 28...bxa4= -0.01/23 remains equal. 29.Nc6 Bxc6 30.dxc6 a5 ]

(Diagram)



**29.Nc6** -0.21/28 White is more active. A dynamic duo of knights.
[ 29.a5!± 0.80/22 Bc5 30.Nd3 ]
**29...bxa4 30.Rxa4 Bxc6 31.dxc6 a5 32.Rea1 Rad8 33.f3 Ne7 34.Ne3** -0.73/25
[ 34.Nxe7= -0.17/22 Qxe7 35.Bg1 ]
**34...Nxc6** -0.24/23
[ 34...Bxe3!∓ -0.73/25 35.Qxe3 Rb8 *( 35...Nxc6 36.Rc4= )*]
**35.Nd5 Qe6 36.Bg1 Bxg1**
[ 36...Rb8 feels hotter. 37.Rc4 Ne7 38.Nxb6 cxb6 39.Rc7 Kg6 ]
**37.Kxg1 Rd7 38.Rc4 Ne7 39.Rxc7**
[ 39.Nxc7? Qxc4 40.Nd5 Nxd5 41.exd5 e4-+ ]
[ 39.Rxa5 simplifies Nxd5 40.Rxd5 Qf6 41.Kg2 ]
**39...Nxd5** 0.17/25
[ ⌓39...Rxc7 -0.26/26 40.Nxc7 Qf6 41.Rxa5 Qxf3 ]
**40.exd5 Qe7 41.Rxd7 Qxd7 42.Rxa5** Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **42...Qb7** 1.19/23
[ 42...Qc7!± 0.31/22 43.Qd3+ Kg7 ]
**43.b4 Rc8?** 3.62/25
[ 43...Kh6± 1.16/22 is a better defense. ]
**44.Qe3?** 0.46/25
[ 44.Qxg5+- 3.62/25 Rxc3 45.Qxh4+ Kg7 46.Qg5+ Kh7 47.Qf5+ Kg7 48.Kg2 ]
**44...Kh6± 45.Kf2** 0.01/24
[ 45.Qd3!± 0.62/26 ]
**45...Ra8!= 46.Rxa8 Qxa8** KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **47.Qd3 Qa2+ 48.Ke3 Qa7+ 49.Ke4** Hoping for Kf5. **49...f5+** 0.51/5 **50.gxf5± Qf2 51.Qd1 Qh2 52.b5 g4?** 4.72/24
[ 52...Qb2= 0.01/22 and Black is okay. ]
**53.hxg4?** 0.01/22
[ 53.fxg4+- 4.72/24 Qxh3 54.Qf3 ]
**53...Qb2?** 1.67/21
[ 53...h3= 0.01/22 ]



**54.Qe1?** 0.01/22
[ 54.g5+!+- 1.67/21 Kg7 55.f6+ Kg6 56.Ke3 Qxc3+ 57.Kf2 *( 57.Qd3+ Qxd3+ 58.Kxd3 h3∓ )*]
**54...h3?** 8.44/28
[ 54...Kg7= 0.01/22 ]
**55.Qh4++- Kg7 56.Qg5+?** 0.01/23
[ 56.Qxh3? Qe2# ]
[ 56.f6++- 7.59/26 Kg6 57.Qh5+ *( 57.Qxh3? Qe2# )* 57...Kxf6 58.Qf5+

( 58.Qxh3? Qe2# ) 58...Kg7 59.Qd7+ Kg6 60.Qxd6+ Kh7 61.Qd7+ ( 61.Kxe5 Qxc3+ 62.Kf5 Qc2+ 63.Kg5 h2=; 61.Qxe5? loses. Qe2+ 62.Kf5 Qxe5+ Remove Defender 63.Kxe5 h2-+ ) 61...Kg6 62.Qf5+ ( 62.Kxe5 Qxc3+ 63.Ke4 Qc2+ 64.Ke3 Qc3+ 65.Ke4 Qc2+ 66.Ke3 h2= ) 62...Kg7 63.Qxe5+ Kf8 64.Qh8+ Ke7 65.Qxh3 ]

**56...Kf8⇄** ( -> ...Qe2+). Black is fighting back **57.Qd8+ Kf7 58.Qc7+**

[ 58.Qxd6? Qe2# ]

[ 58.Qd7+ Kg8 59.Qe6+ ( 59.Qxd6? Qe2# ) 59...Kh7 60.Qe7+ ( 60.Qxd6? Qe2#; 60.Qg6+ Kh8± ) 60...Kh8 61.Qe8+ ( 61.Qxd6? Qe2# ) 61...Kh7 62.Qf7+ Kh8 63.Qe8+ Kh7± ]

**58...Kg8! 59.f6** -0.01/35

[ 59.Qxd6? Qe2# ]

[ 59.Qc8+± 0.95/25 Kh7 60.Qd7+ Kh8 61.Qd8+ ( 61.Qxd6? Qe2# ) 61...Kh7 62.Qd7+ ( 62.Qxd6? Qe2# )]

**59...Qb1+** The position is equal. **60.Ke3 Qe1+**

[Don't blunder 60...Qg1+? 61.Kd2 Qf2+ 62.Kc1 Qe3+ 63.Kc2 Qe2+ 64.Kb3 Qxb5+ 65.Ka3 Qc5+ 66.Qxc5 Remove Defender dxc5 67.d6+- ]

**61.Kd3 Qd1+ 62.Ke4**

[ 62.Kc4!? Qa4+□ 63.Kd3 Qd1+ 64.Ke3 Qc1+ ( 64...Qg1+ 65.Kd2+- ) 65.Kf2 Qd2+ 66.Kf1 ( 66.Kg3 Qf4+ 67.Kxh3 Qh6+ 68.Kg2 Qd2+ 69.Kg1 Qe3+ 70.Kf1 Qc1+ 71.Ke2 Qc2+ 72.Ke1 Qc1+ 73.Ke2 Qc2+ 74.Ke3 Qc1+ 75.Kf2 Qd2+ 76.Kg3 Qe1+ 77.Kg2 Qd2+ 78.Kf1 Qd1+ 79.Kg2 Qd2+= ) 66...Qd1+ 67.Kf2 Qd2+= ]

**62...Qb1+ 63.Ke3 Qe1+**

[ 63...Qg1+ 64.Kd2 Qf2+ 65.Kc1 Qe3+ 66.Kc2 Qe2+ 67.Kb3 Qxb5+ 68.Ka3 Qc5+ 69.Qxc5 Remove Defender dxc5 70.d6+- ]

**64.Kd3 Qd1+** A wild game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.40

**65.Ke4** Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?

[ 65.Kc4!? Qa4+□ 66.Kd3 Qd1+= ]

**1-0**

**148** **C78**

□ **Polgar,Judit** **2671**

■ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2592**

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*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Bb7N**

[ 10...Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**11.Re1 Re8 12.d5 Ne7 13.Bxb6 cxb6** White is slightly better. **14.Bc2 Qd7 15.Bd3 Rec8 16.Rc1 Rc7 17.b4** 0.05/23

[ 17.Bf1± 0.60/22 ]

**17...g6** 0.42/21

[ 17...Rac8= 0.05/23 deserves consideration. ]

**18.Qe2 Rac8 19.c4 Nexd5** 1.02/26 **20.exd5± Nxd5 21.Be4** 1.42/24

[ ⌓21.Qf1 1.03/25 bxc4 ( 21...Nxb4 22.Be4± ) 22.Rxc4 ]

**21...f5** 2.37/23

[ 21...bxc4± 1.42/24 22.Qd1

*( 22.Rxc4 Rxc4 23.Nxc4 Nc3±; 22.Nxc4? Nf4∓* Deflection *)* 22...c3 ]

**22.Bxd5++- Bxd5 23.Qd3 Be6** 2.14/23

[ ⌓23...Bb7 1.69/22 ]

**24.Ng5 bxc4 25.Qh3** -0.01/22

[ 25.Qc3+- 1.87/22 ]

**25...Qe7?** 1.59/25

[Black should try 25...c3!= -0.01/22 26.Nb1 *( 26.Nde4 fxe4 27.Qxe6+ Qxe6∓ )* 26...c2 *( 26...Bxa2 27.Nxc3 Be6 28.Qe3± )*]

**26.Nxe6± Qxe6 27.Qc3! b5 28.f4 e4 29.Nf3 Qf7** 1.92/23

[ 29...d5± 1.49/21 30.Nd4 Qd6 ]

**30.Nd4+- d5 31.Rcd1 Re8 32.Kf2 Qg7 33.h4 Rce7 34.Re3 Rd7 35.h5 Qh6** 2.74/26

[ 35...g5± 1.60/23 was called for. ]

**36.Ne2! Qxh5** 4.06/23

[ 36...g5 1.89/22 ]

**37.Qf6?** 0.66/23

[ 37.Rh3!+- 4.06/23 Qg4 38.Qd4 ]

**37...Qh6±** Black is weak on the dark squares **38.Qc6** 0.01/23

[ 38.Ra3± 1.37/23 ]

**38...Red8** 0.63/25

[ 38...Qh4+= 0.01/23 39.Kg1 Red8 ]

**39.Qe6+** White has compensation.

[ 39.Qxa6 d4 40.Rh3 Qg7= ]

**39...Kh8 40.Rh3**

[ 40.Qxa6 d4 41.Rh3 Qg7 42.Qxb5 c3= ]

**40...Qg7 41.Nd4!**

[ 41.Qxa6 d4 42.Qxb5 c3= ]

**41...Rd6 42.Qe5** aiming for Rdh1.

**42...Qxe5 43.fxe5 Rb6**

(Diagram)

**44.Ke3** 0.27/22

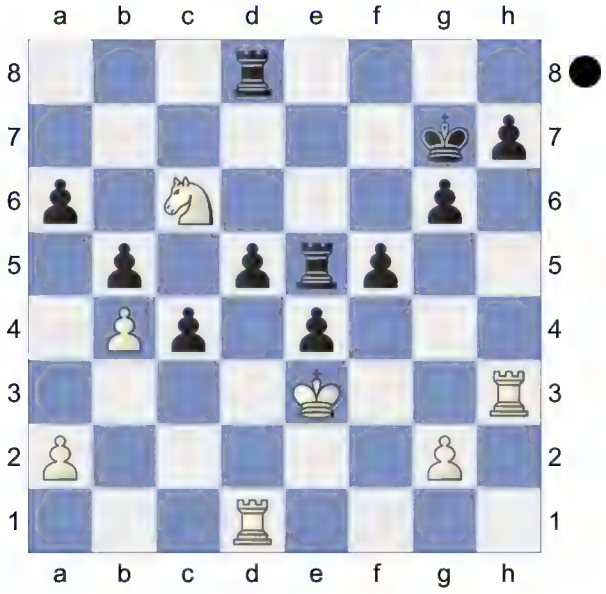
[White should try 44.Rh6!+- 1.71/21 ]

**44...Kg7= 45.Ne2 Re6 46.Nd4?** -2.37/25

[ 46.Kf4± 0.40/21 stays ahead. ]

**46...Rxe5-+ 47.Nc6** -3.50/21

[ ⌓47.g3 -2.09/21 ]



**47...d4+! 48.Kf4?** -6.58/25

[ 48.Rxd4 -2.62/23 Rxd4 49.Nxd4 *( 49.Kxd4 Re6= )*]

**48...Red5 49.Nxd8 Rxd8 50.Ra3 d3 51.Rxa6 c3 52.Rc6 c2 53.Rc7+ Kf6**

**54.Rc6+ Kf7 55.Rc7+ Kf6?** 0.01/20
[ 55...Ke6-+ -8.42/22 56.Rg1 d2 57.Rxc2 d1Q *( 57...d1B 58.Rc6+ Kf7 59.Re1= )* 58.Rc6+ Qd6+ 59.Rxd6+ Rxd6 ]
**56.Rc6+= Kf7?** 0.01/20
[ 56...Ke7-+ -7.78/24 57.Rh1 h5 58.Rc7+ Ke6 ]
**57.Rc7+! Ke6** Black is clearly winning.
**58.Rh1 d2 59.Rxc2 d1Q** ( -> ...g5+)
[ 59...d1B? 60.Rc6+ Kf7 61.Rxh7+ Kg8 62.Rcc7+- *( 62.Rxg6+? perishes. Kxh7 63.Kxf5 e3-+ )*]
**60.Rxd1 Rxd1-+** Endgame KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **61.Rc6+ Rd6 62.Rc5 Rd2 63.Rxb5 Rxg2 64.a4 g5+ 65.Ke3 Rg3+ 66.Kd4 Rd3+ 67.Kc4 Ra3 68.a5 g4 69.Rb8 g3 70.Rg8 Ke5 71.Kb5 f4 72.a6 e3 73.Kb6 Ke4 74.a7 e2** Threatens to win with ...Kf3.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.48
**75.b5**
**0-1**

**149** **C78**
□ **Stearman,Josiah P** **2448**
■ **Zhao,Kevin1** **2186**
Charlotte Carolinas op (2) 14.06.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6!**

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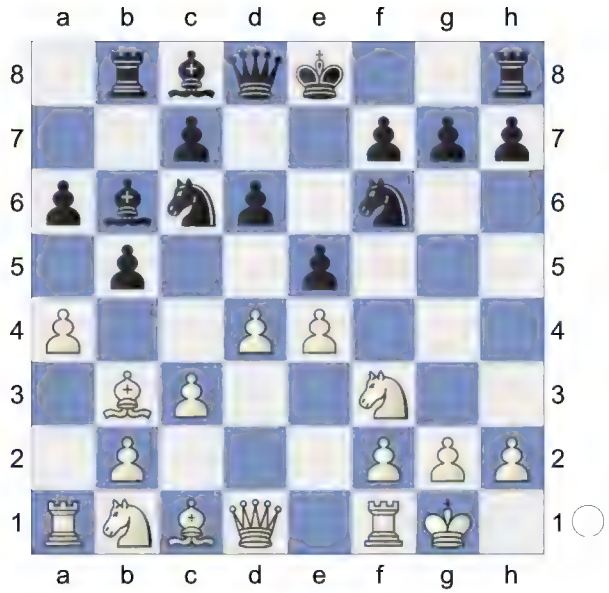
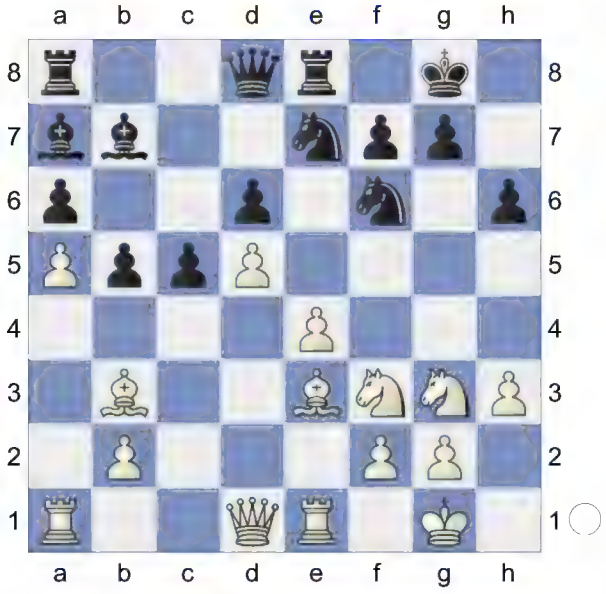


**10.a5!** The main line 10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5.Die Hauptvariante 10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5.
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7! 11.h3** Repels Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3!** White is slightly better.
**12...Ra8N 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 Re8**
[ 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bb7 19.Rc1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxd4 21.Qh5 Nd5 *( 21...Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nc5 Qd2 25.Rd1 Rae8 26.Rxd2 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 c5 28.f4*

*Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc5 b4 32.b3 Rc8 33.Nxa6 cxb3 34.Bxb3 R1c3 35.Rb2* (37) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 22.Rf3 Qe7 *( 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qe7 24.Qd4 Qb4 25.Rd3* (27) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 23.Nxf7 Qxe4 24.Rxc7 Nf4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nxe4 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxb7 (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**15.Qe2N**

[ 15.Nf1 Bb7? 1.82/21 *( 15...exd4=* 0.30/21 *16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bxd4 Bb7 )* 16.Ng3!+- exd4 17.cxd4 Ne7 18.d5 c5 2.43/21 *( 18...Bxe3* 1.86/21 *19.Rxe3 c5 )*



19.dxc6!+- Bxc6

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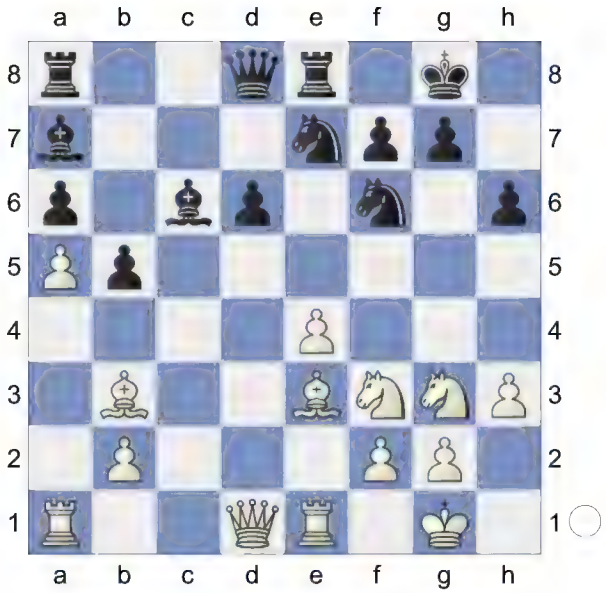


20.Bxa7 1.23/20 *( Better is 20.Nh4!+-* 2.12/21 *)* 20...Rxa7± 21.Nd4 1-0 (37) Shirov,A (2660)-Pranav,V (2632) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Jun Late blitz 2024 (8) ]

**15...Bb7 16.d5 Ne7 17.Bxa7 Rxa7 18.c4 c6 19.Rec1 Nd7 20.Qe3 Qa8** 0.80/19

[ 20...Ra8± 0.40/20 was preferable. ]

**21.Ne1** 0.32/19 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.

[ 21.Nh4± 0.80/19 ]

**21...Nc5** 0.90/20

[Black should play 21...Qb8± 0.32/19 ]

**22.Ba2± b4** 1.22/23

[ 22...Qb8± 0.70/20 ]

**23.Nc2 Bc8** 2.32/21

[ 23...Rb8± 1.21/21 ]

**24.Nxb4+- Rb7 25.Nd3** 0.59/22

[ 25.Nxc6 Nxc6 26.dxc6 Rxb2= ]

[ 25.Qa3+- 1.98/23 ]

**25...Nxd3± 26.Qxd3** and c5 should not be overlooked Black cannot hold the game after this. **26...Rxb2?** 3.47/23

[ 26...c5± 0.62/19 ]

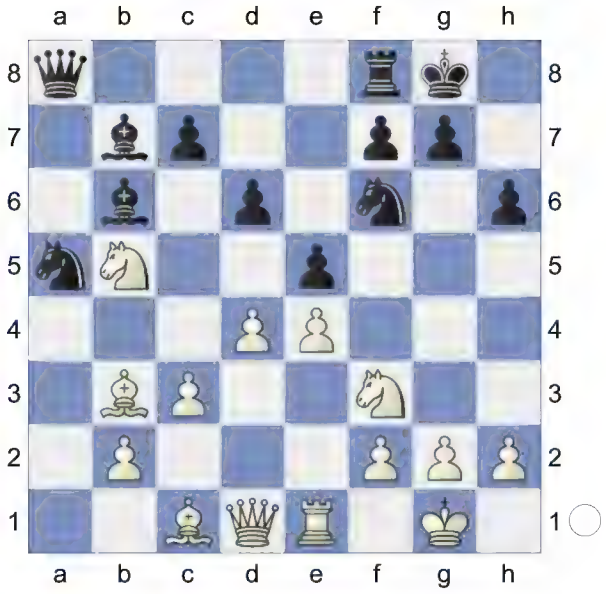
**27.c5+- Ng6?** 4.96/20

[ 27...dxc5 2.94/23 keeps fighting. 28.d6 *( 28.Rxc5 cxd5 29.Qc3*

*Qb8± )* 28...Ng6 ]
**28.Qc3**
[Less strong is 28.cxd6 Nf4 29.Qe3 cxd5± ]
**28...Rb5** 5.08/22
[ ⌓28...Rxa2 3.42/21 29.Rxa2 cxd5 ]
**29.cxd6 cxd5 30.Bxd5 Rxd5 31.exd5 Nf4** And now ...Ne2+ would win. **32.Qc5 Bb7** 6.54/23
[ ⌓32...Bf5 4.10/19 33.Rd1 Qd8 ]
**33.d7 Rd8 34.Qe7 Nxd5 35.Qxe5 Nf6 36.Nc4 Nxd7** 5.93/22
[ ⌓36...Bxg2 4.10/24 37.Nb6 Nxd7 ]
**37.Qg3** White is clearly winning.
**37...Qa7 38.Qc7** Repels Nc5 **38...Qb8 39.Qxb8 Nxb8 40.Rd1 Rf8 41.Rab1 Bc6 42.Rb6 Bb5 43.Na3 Nd7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.79
**44.Rxb5**
**1-0**

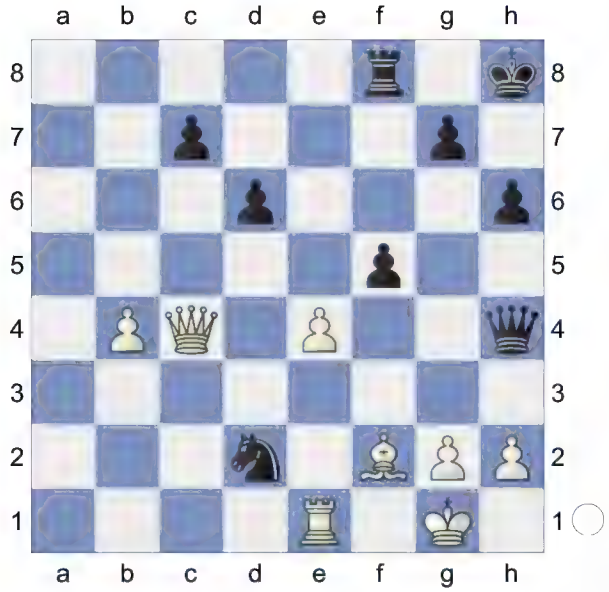
**150** **C78**
□ **Mammadzada,G** **2443**
■ **Padmini,Rout** **2370**
11. Sharjah Women Final (6) 09.01.2021
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4**
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana, F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**9...Bb7 10.Re1**
[ 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]
**10...h6 11.axb5N**
[ 11.Be3 0-0 12.d5 Na7 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.axb5 Nxb5 15.Nbd2 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 ]
**11...axb5 12.Rxa8 Qxa8 13.Na3 0-0 14.Nxb5 Na5**



**15.Bc2**
[Reject 15.dxe5 Ng4 16.Nfd4 Nxf2 17.Kxf2 Nxb3 18.Qxb3 dxe5 19.Nxc7 Bxc7∓ ]
**15...Bxe4 16.Bxe4** White is slightly better. **16...Nxe4 17.Qe2**
[ 17.Qd3!? Nb3 *( 17...f5 18.Nh4= )* 18.Bxh6± *( 18.Qxe4 Qxe4 19.Rxe4 Nxc1± )*]
**17...f5 18.Nh4 exd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.cxd4** and b4 should not be overlooked **20...Qd5 21.f3↑** White is pushing.

[ 21.Ng6!? Re8 22.f3= ]
**21...Qxd4+ 22.Be3 Qf6**
[ 22...Qc4 simplifies 23.fxe4 Qxe2 24.Rxe2 fxe4 25.Rc2 c5 ]
**23.fxe4 Qxh4 24.b4**
[ 24.Qd2!? Qxe4 25.Qxa5+- ]
This costs Black the game. **24...Nb3** 4.85/25
[ 24...Nb7!= -0.05/24 ]
**25.Qc4++- Kh8 26.Bf2 Nd2**



White must now prevent ...Qxf2+.
**27.Qe2**
[Weaker is 27.Qxc7 Qg5 28.Qc3 *( 28.Qxd6 Nf3+ 29.Kf1 Rd8∓ )* 28...Nxe4∓ *( 28...fxe4 29.h4± )*]
**27...Qf4 28.Be3 Qxe4 29.Qxd2 f4 30.Bd4 Qg6 31.Re7 Rf7 32.Rxf7 Qxf7 33.h3 Kg8 34.Bc3 g5** 7.35/23
[ ⌓34...f3 4.83/21 35.g4 c5 ]
**35.Qd4 Kh7 36.Kf2 Kg6 37.Qe4+ Kh5 38.Qe2+ Kg6 39.Qd3+ Kh5 40.Kf3 Qe6 41.Bd4 c5 42.bxc5 dxc5 43.Bc3 Kh4 44.Bd2 h5** #16/34
[ 44...Kh5+- 4.34/27 45.Qe4 Qxe4+ 46.Kxe4 c4 ]
**45.Kf2 Qe5 46.Be1 g4 47.Kf1+** 8.41/26
[ ⌓47.Qd8+ #15/30 Qg5 48.Qd6 Qf5 49.Ke2+ g3 50.Qd8+ *( 50.Kf3 Qd3+ 51.Qxd3 Kg5 52.Qd6 h4 53.Qe7+ Kh5 54.Qg7 c4 55.Kxf4 c3 56.Qh7# )* 50...Qg5 51.Ba5 c4 52.Kd1 c3 53.Kc2 *( 53.Qxg5+ Kxg5 54.Ke2 c2+- )* 53...f3 54.Qd4+ Qg4 55.Bd8# ]
**47...Kg5 48.h4+ Kh6 49.Bc3 Qe7 50.Qf5 Qxh4 51.Qe6+** White mates.
**51...Kh7 52.Qf7+ Kh6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.72
**53.Qg7#**
**1-0**

**151** **C78**
□ **Jobava,Baadur** **2644**
■ **Ivanov,M M** **2455**
17th Chess Festival (5) 16.08.2007
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8.d3 0-0 9.axb5N**
[ 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J

(2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th 145686 1997 (3) ]

**9...axb5 10.Rxa8 Bxa8 11.Nc3** White is slightly better. **11...b4 12.Nd5 h6** 0.77/24 Inhibits Bg5.

[ 12...Nd4= 0.20/23 ]

**13.Be3±** White is more active. **13...Nd4** 0.98/25

[ 13...Bd6± 0.51/22 ]

**14.Nxe5 Nxb3 15.Nxf6+** Remove Defender, Deflection

[ 15.cxb3 Nxd5 16.Bxc5 d6 17.exd5 dxc5∓ ]

**15...Qxf6 16.Nxd7 Qd6 17.Nxf8**

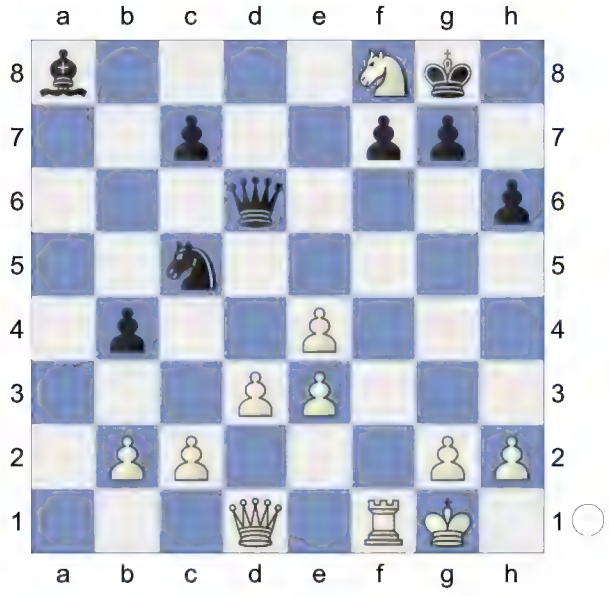
[ 17.cxb3 Bxe3 18.Nxf8 Bb6-+ ]

**17...Bxe3 18.fxe3**

[ 18.cxb3 Bb6 19.Qg4 Qxf8∓ *( 19...Kxf8? 20.Qc8+ Ke7 21.Qxa8+- )*]

[ 18.Ne6 keeps more tension. Nd2 19.Re1 Bb6 20.Qxd2 fxe6 21.c3 ]

**18...Nc5**



**19.Qa1! Qxf8 20.Qa5** 0.41/23

[ White should play 20.b3± 0.91/25 ]

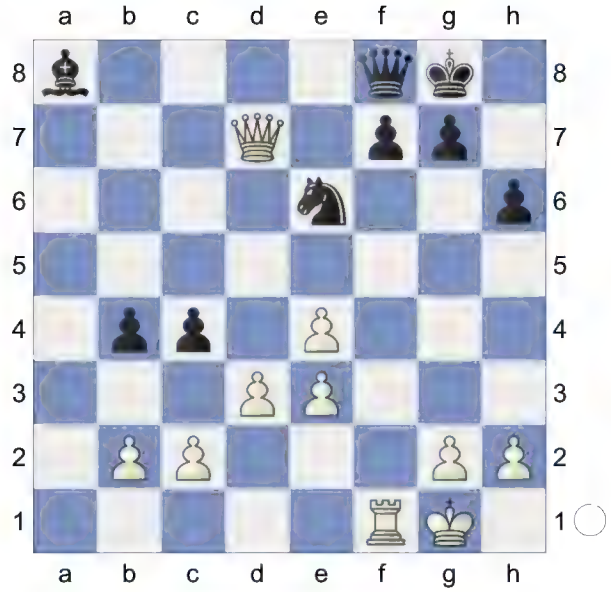
**20...Ne6** 1.77/26

[ 20...b3!± 0.41/23 ]

**21.Qb5+- c5** 1.81/25

[ 21...Qd6± 1.18/23 ]

**22.Qd7 c4**



**23.b3** 0.96/31

[ 23.dxc4 Bxe4 24.Rf2 Bg6∓ ]

[ 23.Qb5!+- 1.67/26 ]

**23...Nc5 24.Qb5↑** White is really pushing. **24...cxb3 25.cxb3 Ne6?** 3.78/24

[ 25...Nxb3± 1.04/24 might work better. 26.Rb1 Nc5 ]

**26.Ra1** 1.57/25

[ 26.Rc1+- 3.78/24 and the rest is easy. ]

**26...Kh7?** 5.25/25

[ 26...Qc8± 1.57/25 27.Qxb4 Bb7 ]

**27.Ra7 Qc8 28.h3** Hoping for Qf5+.

[Stronger than 28.Qxb4 Qc1+ 29.Kf2 Qc2+ 30.Ke1 Qxd3 *( 30...Nc5 31.Qd2= )* 31.Rxa8 Qxe3+ 32.Kf1 Qf4+ 33.Kg1 Qc1+ 34.Kf2 Qb2+ 35.Kg3 Qc1= ]

**28...Qc1+?** 7.68/26

[ 28...Kg8 3.88/22 29.Qxb4 Bc6 ]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.93

**29.Kh2**

**1-0**

**152** **C78**
□ **Olofsson,Dan** **2548**
■ **Benlloch Guirau,Alvaro** **2472**
corr Chessfriends Rochade 5171 - 20 yea
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4**

[ 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**8...Bg4**

[ 8...Bb7 9.d4 Bb6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5 0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]

**9.axb5N**

[ 9.h3 Bh5 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8 Qxa8 12.d3 0-0 13.Bg5 Nd7 14.Bd5 h6 15.Bh4 Qa6 16.b4 Ba7 17.Nbd2 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 ]

**9...axb5 10.Rxa8 Qxa8 11.h3** White is slightly better. **11...Bxf3 12.Qxf3 0-0 13.d3 Nb8 14.Qg3 Kh8 15.Nd2 b4 16.Nf3 bxc3 17.bxc3** aiming for Nh4. **17...Qa5 18.Bd2 Qb5! 19.Bc2 Qb2 20.Rc1** Threatening d4!. **20...Nbd7 21.Ne1 Qa2 22.Rb1 Rb8 23.Rxb8+ Nxb8 24.Qf3 Nbd7 25.Qd1 Qa7 26.Qe2 Qa2 27.Bd1 Bb6 28.Nc2 Ba5 29.Ne3 Nc5 30.Nc4 Qa1 31.Nxa5 Qxa5 32.Bc2 Kg8 33.Qd1 h6 34.g3 Nfd7 35.Kg2 Ne6 36.Qb1 Ndc5 37.Qb8+ Kh7 38.h4 h5**

[ 38...Qa2!? 39.Qb1□ Qa3= ]

**39.Qb1 g6 40.Qd1 Qa8 41.Be3 Kg7 42.Kg1 Kg8 43.Qb1 Qa5 44.Qb2 Qa8 45.Kh2**

[ 45.Qb4 is more complex. Qa2 46.Qb8+ Kg7 47.Qb1 ]

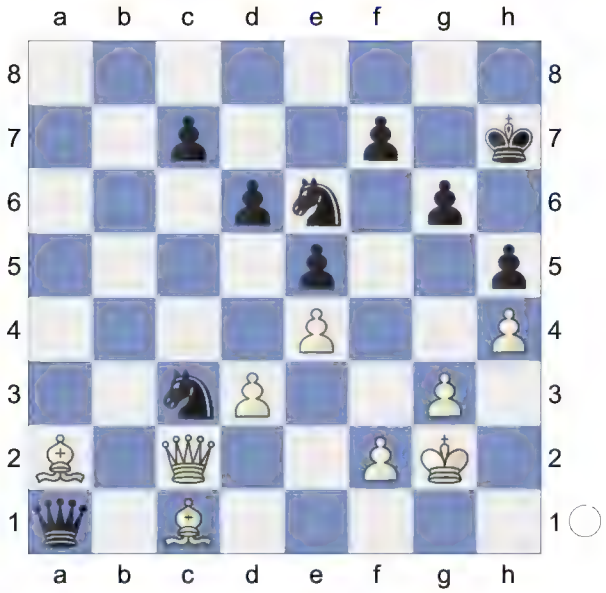
**45...Kg7 46.Bb1 Kh7 47.Kg1 Kg7 48.Kg2 Kh7 49.Qc2 Qa1 50.Bc1 Na4** 0.55/27

[ 50...Qa7= 0.11/25 ]

**51.Ba2± Nxc3?** 9.38/28

[ 51...Qxc3? too greedy. 52.Qxa4 Qxc1 53.Bxe6 fxe6 54.Qd7+ Kh6 55.Qxe6+- ]

[ 51...Nec5± 0.40/23 ]



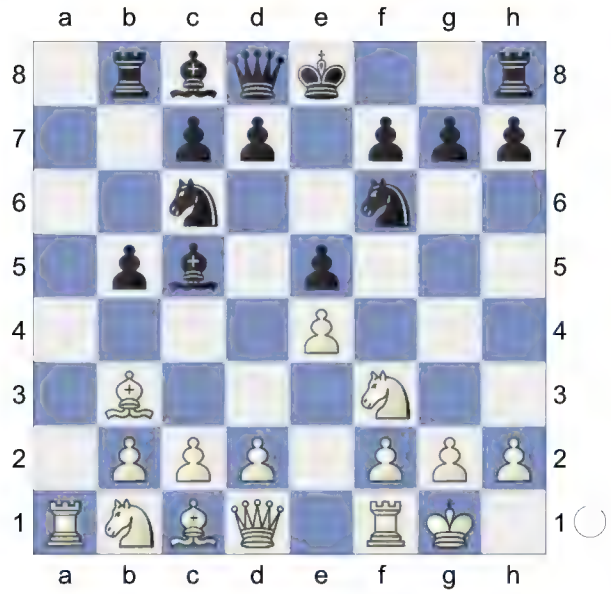
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

**52.Bxe6**

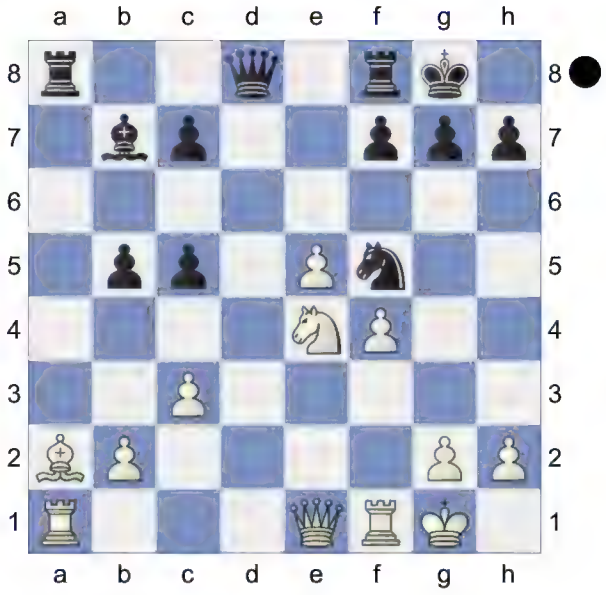
**1-0**

**153** **C78**
□ **Mazhkenov,Alisher** **2119**
■ **Urazayev,Arystanbek** **2467**
Almaty zt 3.4 (1) 02.04.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5**

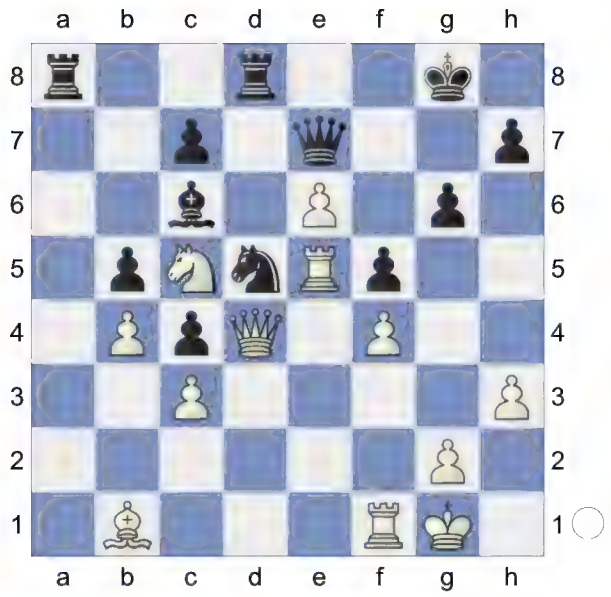


**9.Nxe5!** Remove Defender, Deflection
**9...Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4** The position is equal. **11...d6 12.f4**
[ 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bg4 26.Nd4 Qb6 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**12...Nc6 13.Qc3** 13.Qd3 is the hot move. 13.Dd3 ist der hippe Zug.
**13...Ne7! 14.e5N**
[ 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 ]
**14...Ne4 15.Qe1 Nc5** 15...d5 is not played anymore.15...d5 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **16.Ba2 0-0 17.Be3 Nf5 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.c3** Prevents Qd4+. **19...Bb7N** 0.41/20
[ 19...c4 20.Na3! Qe7 21.Qf2 Nh4 22.g3 Nf5 23.Bb1 Nh6 And now ... Ng4 would win. 24.Nc2 Bh3 25.Re1 ½-½ Martin,S-Laduke,M W-ch WS/O/1353 email 2021 ]
[ 19...c4= -0.08/22 ]
**20.Nd2** -0.54/22
[ 20.Na3± 0.41/20 ]
**20...Ra8!∓ 21.Ne4**



**Qe7** 0.01/21
[ 21...Rxa2!∓ -0.88/26 22.Rxa2 Qd5 ]
**22.b4!= c4 23.Nc5 Bc6 24.Qe2 f6 25.e6** -0.28/22
[ 25.Rae1± 0.34/23 ]
**25...g6 26.Rae1 Nd6 27.Bb1 f5 28.Qf2 Ne8! 29.h3⇄** White puts up resistance **29...Nf6 30.Re5 Nd5 31.Qd4 Rfd8**

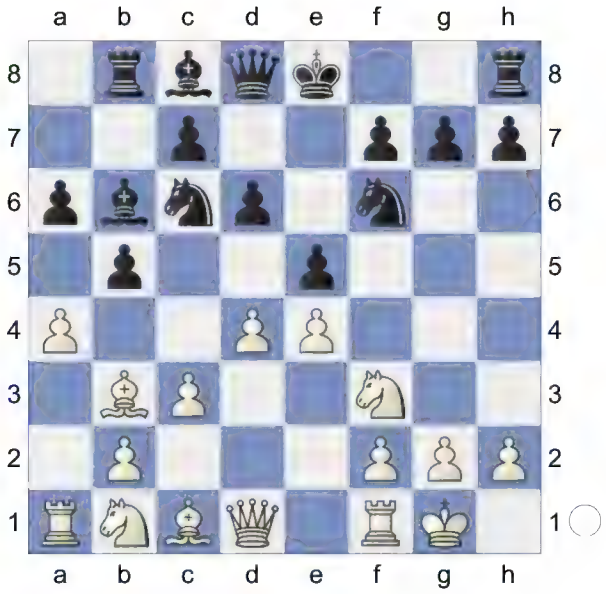
(Diagram)



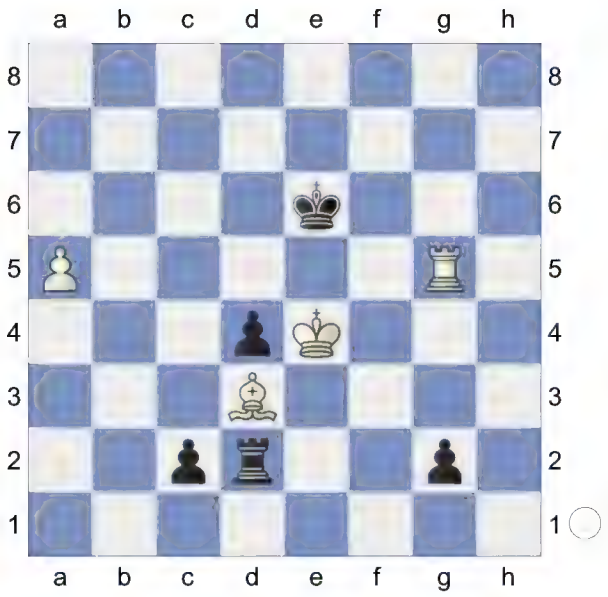
**32.Nd7!** Deflection **32...Bxd7 33.Qxd5**
[ 33.Rxd5 Bxe6 34.Rxd8+ Rxd8 35.Qe3 ]
**33...Be8 34.Qf3 Ra6 35.Rfe1 Rd2**
**36.R5e2** -0.49/24
[ 36.g4!= -0.05/23 ]
**36...Rdd6** 0.29/24
[ 36...Rad6∓ -0.49/24 ]
**37.Qe3**
[ 37.g4 simplifies Rxe6 38.gxf5 Rxe2 39.Rxe2 Qd8 40.fxg6 Bxg6 41.Be4 ]
**37...Rd5?** 1.61/21
[ 37...Qf6= -0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry. ]
**38.g4+-** aiming for Rg2. **38...fxg4?** 3.20/22
[ 38...c5± 1.18/19 ]
**39.hxg4 Qh4?** 4.44/22
[ 39...Ra3 2.46/21 40.f5 Qf6 ]
**40.Rh2?** 0.29/21
[White should play 40.Be4+- 4.44/22 Rad6 41.Bxd5 Rxd5 42.Qf2 Qxg4+ 43.Qg2 ]
**40...Qxg4+= 41.Rg2 Qh4 42.f5** White has compensation. **42...Rad6**
**43.Bc2** 0.01/23 Prevents Rd1
[ 43.fxg6± 0.41/25 feels stronger. h6 44.Qf2 Qxf2+ 45.Rxf2 Rg5+ 46.Kh2 ]
**43...Rd8?** 7.49/25
[ 43...Rd2= 0.01/23 44.Rxd2 Rxd2 45.Qxd2 Bc6 ]
**44.Rf1 R8d6 45.f6** White threatens f7+ and mate. **45...Rh5 46.f7+ Kf8 47.e7+**
[ 47.fxe8B+ Kxe8 48.Be4 Qh1+ 49.Kf2 Qh3+- ]
**47...Qxe7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.56
**48.Qxe7+**
[Less strong is 48.fxe8R+ Kxe8 49.Re1 Qxe3+ 50.Rxe3+ Kd8± ]
**1-0**

**154** **C78**
□ **Averell** **2402**
■ **City Breslau** **2267**
corr 32/317 (7) 18.08.2023
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8**



**10.a5!**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3** Against Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White is slightly better.
**12...Ra8N 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 Re8**
[ 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bb7 19.Rc1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxd4 21.Qh5 Nd5 *( 21...Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nc5 Qd2 25.Rd1 Rae8 26.Rxd2 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 c5 28.f4 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc5 b4 32.b3 Rc8 33.Nxa6 cxb3 34.Bxb3 R1c3 35.Rb2* (37) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 22.Rf3 Qe7 *( 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qe7 24.Qd4 Qb4 25.Rd3* (27) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 23.Nxf7 Qxe4 24.Rxc7 Nf4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nxe4 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxb7 (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**15.Nf1 exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 c5! 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Bd5 c4 20.Ne3**
[ 20.Qf3 Qxf3 21.gxf3 Rb8 22.Kg2 Be6 23.Red1 Bc5 24.Ne3 Kf8 25.Nc2 Re7 26.Rd2 Bxd5 27.Rxd5 ]
**20...Rb8 21.Qd2 Bd7 22.Nc2 Re5 23.Nd4 Rg5 24.Kh2 Rh5 25.Re3** Black should prevent Rf3. Active counter play!
[ 25.f4 Bxd4 26.cxd4 Rxd5 27.exd5 Bf5 28.Rac1 ]
**25...Qf4+ 26.Kg1 Bxh3** Demolition **27.gxh3 Rxh3 28.Rd1 Qg4+ 29.Rg3 Rxg3+ 30.fxg3 Qxg3+** 3.77/23
[ 30...b4!= 0.01/22 ]
**31.Qg2+- Qe3+ 32.Kh1 Bxd4 33.cxd4** Black must now prevent Rf1.
[ Less strong is 33.Rxd4 Re8 34.Qf1 Kh8 35.Qxf7 *( 35.Bxf7 Rf8= )* 35...Qc1+ 36.Kg2 Qxb2+ 37.Kg1 Qa1+ 38.Kh2 Qb2+ 39.Kh1 Qb1+ 40.Kh2 *( 40.Kg2 Qb2+ 41.Kg1 Qa1+ 42.Kh2 Qb2+ 43.Kh1 Qc1+ 44.Kh2 Qb2+= )* 40...Qc2+ 41.Kh1 Qc1+ 42.Kh2 Qb2+ 43.Kg1 Qc1+ 44.Kg2 Qb2+ 45.Kh1 Qc1+ 46.Kh2 Qb2+= ]
**33...Rc8?** 4.99/26
[ 33...Rf8 2.77/23 34.Rf1 Qxd4 ]
**34.Rf1 Rc7 35.Qf3?** 0.68/22
[ 35.Qg6+- 4.82/25 ]
**35...Qxf3+± 36.Rxf3** Endgame KRB-KR **36...b4** Prevents Rc3. **37.Rf2** 0.01/26
[ 37.Rf1± 0.42/27 ]
**37...c3 38.bxc3 bxc3 39.Rc2 g5 40.Kg2 Kg7 41.Kf3 h5 42.Bb3 Kg6 43.Re2 f5 44.exf5+ Kxf5 45.Bc2+ Kf6 46.Rh2** The position is equal. **46...g4+ 47.Kf4 Rc4 48.Rxh5 Rxd4+ 49.Ke3**
[ 49.Kg3 simplifies Rd2 50.Bh7 d5 51.Kxg4 c2 52.Bxc2 Rxc2 53.Kf3 ]
**49...Rd2 50.Bd3 g3 51.Rf5+**
[ 51.Bxa6 g2 52.Kf3 g1Q *( 52...g1B? 53.Rh4-+ )* 53.Rh6+ Kg5 ]
**51...Ke6 52.Rg5 g2** ...d5 would now be deadly. **53.Bxa6 d5 54.Bd3 d4+ 55.Ke4! c2**
(Diagram)

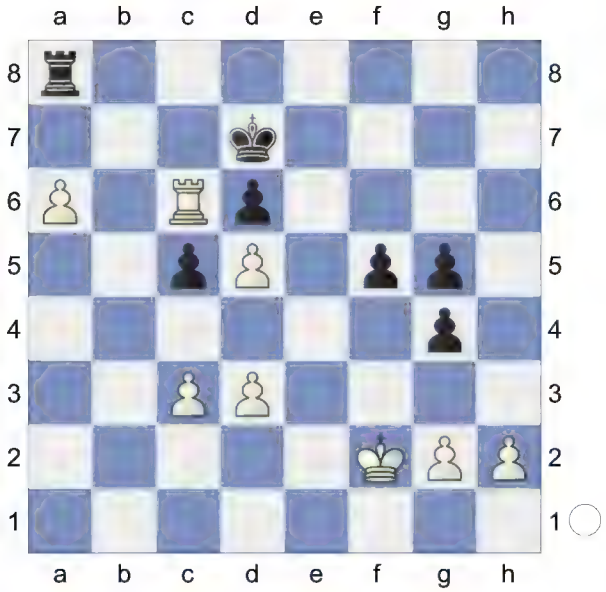


**56.Bxc2 Rxc2 57.a6 Ra2 58.a7** Deflection **58...Rxa7 59.Rxg2 Ra4** Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
**60.Rd2**
½-½

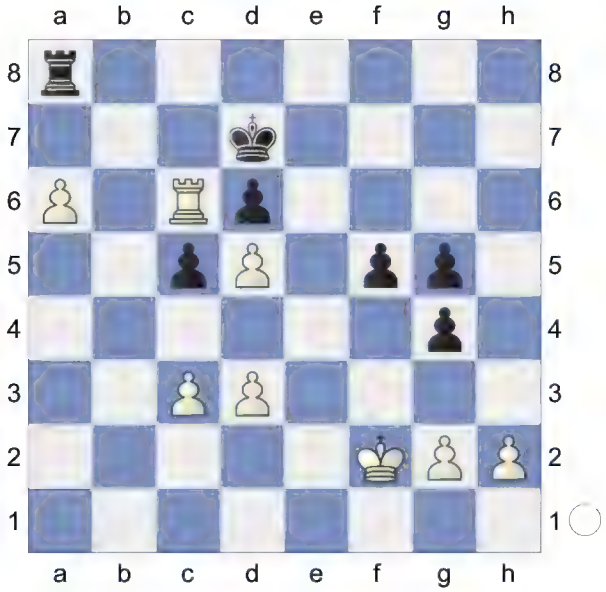
**155** **C78**
□ **Ernst,Heinz** **2606**
■ **Morales Cruz,Emilio** **2557**
32nd Open Mar del Plata ARG 2000
*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Psakhis,Lev: 'Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1. 7) ]
**8.d3 0-0 9.Nc3 b4N**
[ 9...Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 Rh6 24.Kf1 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th 145686 1997 (3) ]
**10.Nd5 h6** Dodges Bg5 **11.Be3! Nd4 12.Bxd4** White is better.
[ 12.Nxe5?! Nxb3 13.cxb3 Nxd5 14.Bxc5 d6 15.exd5 dxc5= ]
**12...exd4 13.Ne5** 0.09/26 White is more active.
[ 13.Nxf6+± 0.65/21 Qxf6 14.Nd2 ]
**13...Nxd5= 14.exd5 Bd6**
[ 14...Re8!? 15.Nf3 Qf6∓ ]
**15.f4 Bxe5! 16.fxe5 Qg5** Against Qh5 **17.Qe1** 0.01/25
[Better is 17.Qe2± 0.63/25 ]
**17...c5** 1.10/25
[ 17...Rae8!= 0.01/25 keeps the balance. ]
Black is on the road to losing. **18.Qe4↑** White is on the roll. **18...Rae8 19.Rf5 Qe3+ 20.Qxe3 dxe3 21.Re1 g6 22.Rf3 Rxe5** and ...Rfe8! should not be overlooked **23.Rfxe3 Rg5** 2.57/25
[ 23...Rf5± 1.13/25 ]
**24.Re5 d6 25.Rxg5 hxg5+-** Endgame KRB-KRB **26.Re7 Bc8 27.Bc4 Kg7 28.a5** and Kf2 would now be decisive **28...g4** 4.00/27
[ 28...Kf6 2.60/25 is a better defense. 29.Ra7 g4 ]
**29.Ra7 Kf6 30.Ra8**
[Weaker is 30.Bxa6 Bxa6 31.Rxa6 Ke5= ]
**30...Ke7 31.Bxa6 Bxa6 32.Rxa6** KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **32...f5 33.Rb6 Ra8 34.a6 g5 35.c4 bxc3**

**36.bxc3 Kd7 37.Kf2 Kc7 38.Rc6+ Kd7**



**39.Rb6** -0.01/29 Prevents Rb8.
[ 39.Kg3!+- 6.49/28 Ra7 40.c4 ]
**39...Kc7!= 40.Rc6+** -0.01/24
[ 40.Rb7++- 6.29/31 Kc8 41.Rf7 Rxa6 42.Rxf5 Ra2+ 43.Kg3 ]
**40...Kd7**

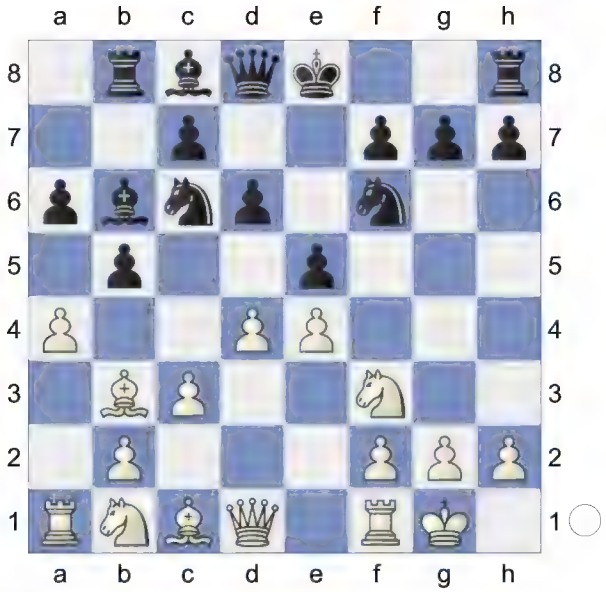


**41.Kg3!** White is clearly winning.
**41...Ra7 42.c4 Ra8 43.Rb6 Ra7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.48

**44.Rb7+**
**1-0**

**156** **C78**
□ **Nalbandyan,Vahan** **2149**
■ **Vijayakumar,Rishi** **2311**
EU-ch 25th Eforie Nord (4) 18.03.2025
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 Bb6 9.d4 d6**



**10.a5!** **Ba7** **11.h3** Prevents Bg4
**11...Bb7** **12.Be3** The position is equal.
**12...Nxe4** **13.Re1** The main line 13.Re1 scores better than 13.d5. Die Hauptvariante 13.Te1 punktet besser als 13.d5.
[ 13.d5 is more complex. Bxe3 14.dxc6 Nxf2 15.Qe1 ]
**13...Ne7N** 0.68/23
[ 13...exd4= 0.17/22 14.cxd4 *( 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6*

*22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)) 14...d5 ]

**14.dxe5** 0.05/18
[ 14.Nbd2!± 0.68/23 ]

**14...Bxe3= 15.Rxe3 0-0 16.Bc2 Nc5 17.Nd4N** -0.64/22
[ 17.Nbd2 Nd5 18.Re1 Nf4 19.Ne4 Re8 20.b4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 dxe5 23.Nxe5 Nxh3+! 24.gxh3 ½-½ (31) Duda,J (2724)-Caruana,F (2764) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (5) ]
[ 17.Nbd2= 0.01/22 ]

**17...dxe5 18.Rxe5 Qd6**
[ 18...Nd7 19.Re1 c5 20.Nf3 c4 ]

**19.Rg5** -0.71/22
[ 19.Re1= -0.10/21 remains equal. ]

**19...Ne6** -0.25/21
[Black should play 19...h6∓ -0.71/22 20.Rg3 Ne4 ]

**20.Nxe6= Qxe6 21.Na3** -0.60/22
[ 21.Nd2= -0.11/22 ]

**21...Rbd8** -0.20/25
[ 21...Rfe8∓ -0.60/22 should be considered. ]

**22.Qg4 Qf6**
[ 22...Qxg4 simplifies 23.hxg4 Nd5 24.Re5 Nf4 ]

**23.Re1** Rxe7! is the strong threat.

**23...Ng6 24.Rf5 Qd6 25.Qg3! Qd7** -0.01/23
[ 25...Qxg3∓ -0.37/20 26.fxg3 Rfe8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 ]

**26.h4** -0.60/24
[ 26.Kh2= -0.01/23 ]

**26...Rfe8** -0.01/25
[ 26...Rde8∓ -0.60/24 27.Rd1 Qe7 ]

**27.Rxe8+** -0.52/24
[Better is 27.Rd1!= -0.01/25 Qe7 28.Rxd8 Qxd8 29.Bb3 Re1+ *( 29...Qxh4? 30.Bxf7+ Kh8 31.Bxe8+-; 29...Nxh4? 30.Rxf7+- )* 30.Kh2 ]

**27...Rxe8∓ 28.h5 Nf8 29.h6** -1.09/24
[ 29.Kh2∓ -0.44/23 ]

**29...Ng6∓** Loses the game. **30.f3** -8.19/23 Dodges Be4
[ 30.Kh2∓ -1.35/21 ]

**30...Qd2-+** ...Re1+ would now be deadly.
[ 30...gxh6 31.Qf2∓ ]

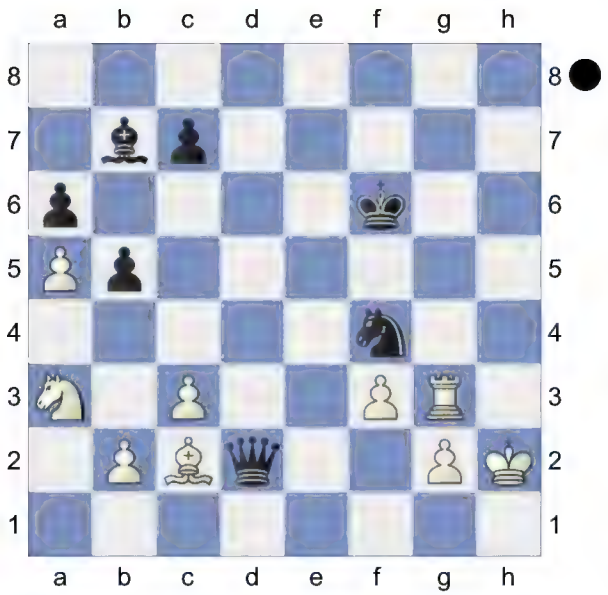
**31.Bb3 Re1+**
[ 31...Qxh6? 32.Bxf7+ Kh8 33.Bxe8+- ]

**32.Kh2 Qc1**
[ 32...gxh6? is the wrong capture. 33.Bxf7+ *( 33.Rxf7 Bd5+- )* 33...Kh8 *( 33...Kg7? 34.Bxg6 Qd6 35.Rf7+ Kg8 36.Qxd6+- )* 34.Nc2+- *( 34.Qxc7 Rh1+* Decoy *35.Kxh1 Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Qh4+ 37.Kg1 Qe1+ 38.Kh2 Qh4+ 39.Kg1 Qe1+ 40.Kh2= )*]

**33.Bxf7+ Kh8 34.hxg7+ Kxg7 35.Qxe1 Qxe1 36.Bb3 Qh4+ 37.Kg1 Nf4 38.Rf7+ Kh6** ( -> ...Qe1+) **39.Bc2 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Qd2** -17.49/30
[ ⌓40...Ne2 -#16/32 41.Rxh7+ Kg5 42.f4+ Decoy Kxf4 43.Rf7+ Ke5 44.Nc4+ bxc4 *( 44...Ke6* is a self mate. *45.Bf5+ Kxf7 46.Ne5+ Kg7 47.Nf3 Bxf3 48.gxf3 Qg3+ 49.Kh1 Qg1# )* 45.Re7+ Kf6 46.Rxe2 Qxe2 47.Be4 Bxe4 48.Kg3 Kg5 49.Kh3 Qxg2# ]

**41.Rxh7+ Kg5 42.Rg7+ Kf6 43.Rg3**

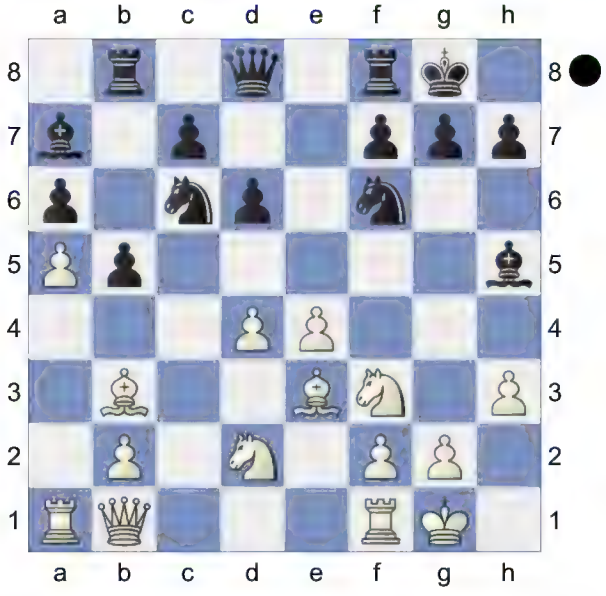
(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/ Black=0.35
**43...Bxf3!** Pin
**0-1**

**157** **C78**
□ **Khayrullin,Denis** **2386**
■ **Ezzangui,Youssef** **2014**
Barcelona Sant Marti op-A 25th (2)
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bb6 10.a5**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.Be3N**
[ 11.h3 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ) 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1) 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1) 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 (26) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**11...Bg4** **12.Nbd2!** 12.Nbd2 is better than 12.dxe5.12.Sbd2 ist besser als 12.dxe5. **12...exd4 13.cxd4 0-0! 14.h3 Bh5 15.Qe1N**
[ 15.Qb1 -0.81/20 15.Qc1 -0.02



Re8! 16.Rc1 -1.58/20 *( ⌓16.Qc1* -0.83/20 *Nb4 17.Bg5 )* 16...Nb4∓

17.Bg5 -2.03/21 ( 17.Rd1∓ -1.24/20 ) 17...c5-+ 18.Re1 -3.06/23 ( ⌓18.dxc5 -1.92/19 dxc5 19.Rd1 ) 18...cxd4 19.Nh4? -3.95/20 ( 19.Nf1 -2.39/20 was necessary.) 19...d3 20.Nf5 -3.90/21 ( 20.Ndf3 -2.54/21 only move.) 20...Bg6 ...d5 is the strong threat. 21.Qd1 0-1 (38) Kuybokarov,T (2602)-Pichot,A (2635) Chess.com Classic Play In rapid 2024 (1) ]

**15...Re8** ...Nb4! is in the air **16.d5! Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Rxe4 19.Qd2 Ne7 20.Rac1** -0.37/25

[ 20.Ng5= 0.01/23 ]

**20...Qd7 21.Rc2** -0.94/24

[ 21.Ng5= -0.21/21 ]

**21...Rc8** -0.54/23

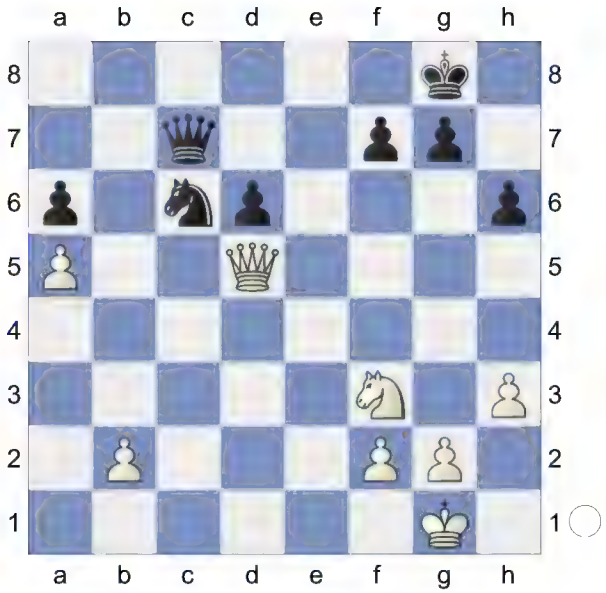
[Better is 21...Ng6∓ -0.94/24 ]

**22.Rfc1∓ h6 23.Ba2 c5 24.dxc6 Rxc6**

[ 24...Nxc6?! 25.Bd5 Nxd5 26.Qxd5± ]

**25.Rxc6 Nxc6 26.Bd5 Nxd5** Remove Defender **27.Qxd5 Rc4 28.Rxc4 bxc4=** Endgame KQN-KQN. Black is a pawn up. **29.Nd2 Nb4 30.Qxc4 Qb7 31.Nf3 Nc6 32.Qd5 Qc7 33.Qc4** and Nd4 would now be decisive **33...Qb7 34.Qd5 Qc7**

(Diagram)

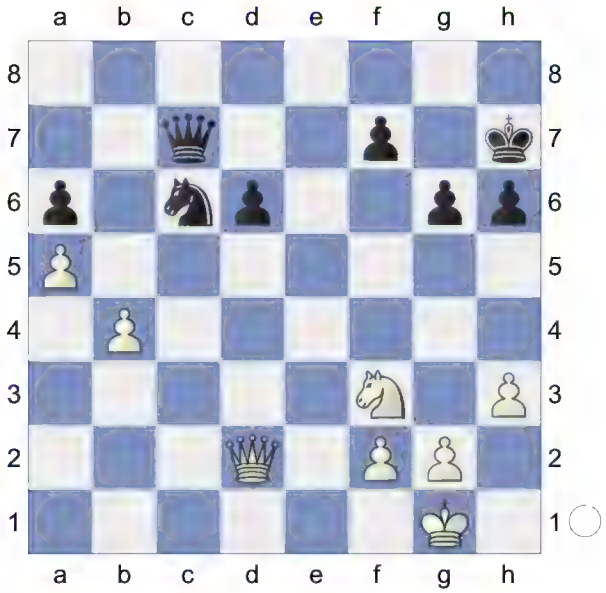


Repels b4 **35.b4! g6!**

[ 35...Nxb4? 36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.Qe4+ Kg8 38.Qxb4+- ]

**36.Qd2 Kh7** 1.08/22

[ 36...d5= 0.01/22 remains equal. ]



**37.Nd4** -0.01/23

[White should try 37.h4!± 1.08/22 ]

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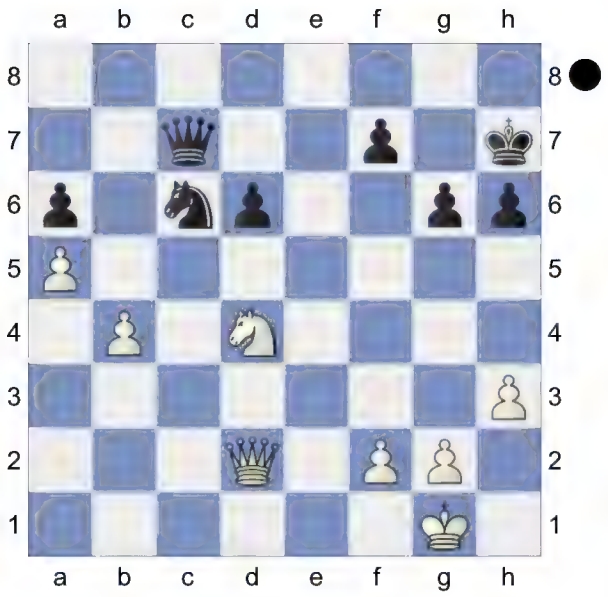


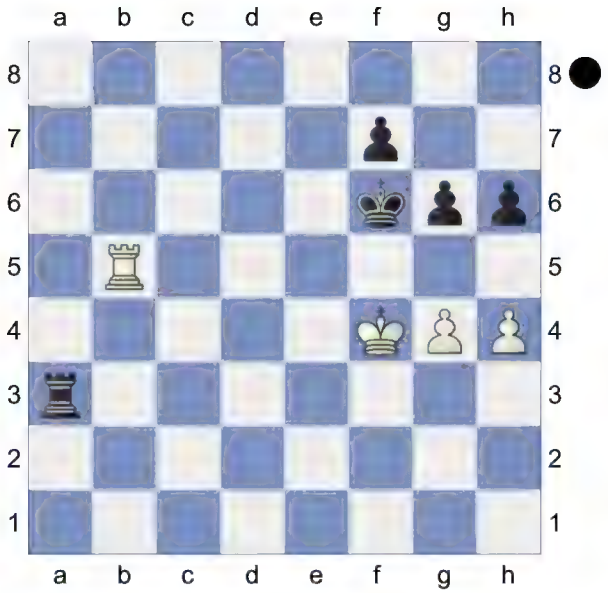
**37...Nxb4!** Deflection. The position is equal. **38.Qxb4 Qc1+ 39.Kh2 Qf4+ 40.Kg1**
[ 40.Kh1!? Qc1+□ 41.Kh2 Qf4+ 42.Kh1= ]
**40...Qc1+ 41.Kh2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
**41...Qf4+**
**½-½**

**158** **C78**
□ **Bharat,Kumar Reddy Poluri** **2243**
■ **Kushagra,Mohan** **2389**
Hyderabad Singh Ji Memorial (7)
*[Kitty Kat]*

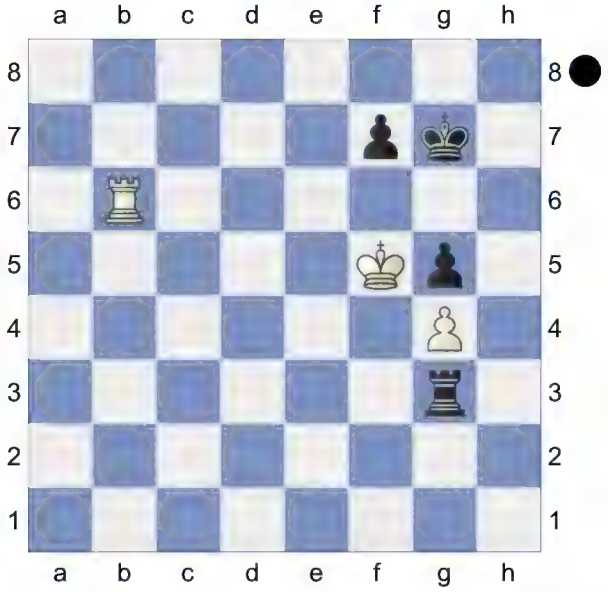
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5**
[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**10...Ba7 11.h3** Prevents Bg4 **11...0-0**
[ 11...Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1) ]
**12.Be3** White has an edge. **12...Ra8N 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 Re8**
[ 14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Ne4 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 Bb7 19.Rc1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxd4 21.Qh5 Nd5 *( 21...Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Nd3 23.Rxd3 Qxd3 24.Nc5 Qd2 25.Rd1 Rae8 26.Rxd2 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 c5 28.f4 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rc1 30.Bc2 c4 31.Nc5 b4 32.b3 Rc8 33.Nxa6 cxb3 34.Bxb3 R1c3 35.Rb2* (37) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 *)* 22.Rf3 Qe7 *( 22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5 Qe7 24.Qd4 Qb4 25.Rd3* (27) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 23.Nxf7 Qxe4 24.Rxc7 Nf4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nxe4 Nxh5 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Rxb7 (30) 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]
**15.dxe5** 0.11/21 15.Bc2 is a critical line. 15.Lc2 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
[ 15.Ba2± 0.49/19 ]
**15...Nxe5= 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Nf1 Bb7N** 0.64/25
[Vorgänger: 17...Qe7 18.Qf3 Bd7 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Ne3 Raa8 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.Bxd5 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 ½-½ (40) Kobalia,M (2666)-Caruana,F (2767) Plovdiv

2012 ]
[ 17...Qe7= 0.19/20 ]
**18.Bxa7± Rxa7 19.Qf3** 0.11/20
[ 19.Qxd8± 0.52/21 Rxd8 20.f3 ]
**19...c5= 20.Ng3 c4 21.Red1 Qc7 22.Bc2 Bc8 23.Qe3 Be6 24.Nf5** -0.55/22
[ 24.Qb6= 0.01/20 ]
**24...Bxf5∓ 25.exf5 Rb7** Against Qb6 **26.Qd2 Qc8 27.Qe3 Rd7** Repels Rd6 **28.Rxd7 Qxd7 29.Rd1 Qc7 30.Qb6 Qxb6 31.axb6** Endgame KRB-KRN **31...Rb8 32.Rd6 a5** 0.01/20
[ 32...Kf8∓ -0.64/24 ]
**33.f3= Kf8 34.Be4 Nxe4**
[ 34...Ke7!? 35.Rc6□ Nxe4 36.fxe4 f6± ]
**35.fxe4** KR-KR **35...Ke7 36.Rc6** Threatens to win with Rc7+. **36...Rb7 37.Rc5 Rxb6 38.Rxe5+ Kf6 39.Rc5** -0.64/21
[ 39.Re8!= -0.25/21 should be considered. ]
**39...a4** -0.13/22
[ 39...Kg5∓ -0.64/21 40.g3 a4 ]
**40.Kf2 b4 41.cxb4 Rxb4 42.Kg3 c3** Discovered Attack
[ 42...Rxb2 43.Rxc4 a3 44.Ra4= ]
**43.bxc3 Rxe4 44.Ra5 Rc4 45.Kf2 Rxc3** Threatens to win with ...a3. **46.Rxa4 Kxf5 47.g4+ Kg6 48.Ra6+ Kh7 49.Kg2 g6 50.Rb6 Kg7 51.Ra6 Re3 52.Rb6 Re6 53.Rb7 Kf6 54.Kf3 Re7 55.Rb5 Ra7 56.h4 Ra4 57.Kg3 Ra3+** Loses the game. **58.Kf4?** -6.28/29
[ 58.Kg2∓ -0.43/23 ]

(Diagram)



**58...g5+!-+ 59.hxg5+ hxg5+ 60.Ke4 Rg3 61.Rb6+ Kg7 62.Kf5**



**f6! 63.Rb7+ Kh6 64.Kxf6 Rxg4 65.Rb1 Kh5 66.Rh1+ Rh4 67.Rb1** Black is clearly winning. **67...Rh3 68.Kf5 g4 69.Kf4 Rf3+ 70.Ke4 Kh4 71.Kd4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
**71...Kh5?** -0.01/53 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
[Black should play 71...g3-+ -6.13/27

72.Ke4 Rf2 ]
**0-1**

**159** **C78**
□ **Milliet,Sophie** **2369**
■ **Szabo,Krisztian** **2518**
FRA-chT Top 12 (11.7) 09.06.2015
*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6 10.Na3 Bg4 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 0-0 13.Bc2 Bxf3**
[ 13...exd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.e5 Ne4! Dodges Bg5 16.Ra3 f6 0.69/25 *( 16...Bh5=* 0.14/19 *)* 17.exf6± Qxf6 18.Nc3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Qxf3 21.Qxf3 Rxf3 22.Kg2 Rbf8 23.Bb3 R3f5 24.Ra2 Na5 25.Bc2 R5f6 26.Bd3 Nb7 27.Re1 Rf3! 28.Rd2 0.11/21 *( 28.Be3±* 0.55/24 *)* 28...Ba5 29.Bb2 c5 30.Ba6 Nd6 31.dxc5 Ne4 32.Rxd5 Rxf2+ 33.Kg1 Rxb2 34.Bc4 Kh8! 35.Rxe4 aiming for Be2. Rc2 36.Rf5 Rd8 37.Rd5 White wants to mate with Rxd8+. Rf8 38.Bd3 Rxc3 39.Kg2 h6 40.Ra4 Bd8 41.Re4 Bf6 42.Re6 Kg8 43.c6 Giri,A (2773)-Nakamura,H (2802) Stavanger 2015 ½-½ ]
**14.gxf3**
[ 14.Qxf3 exd4 15.Qd3 dxc3= ]
**14...Nh5**

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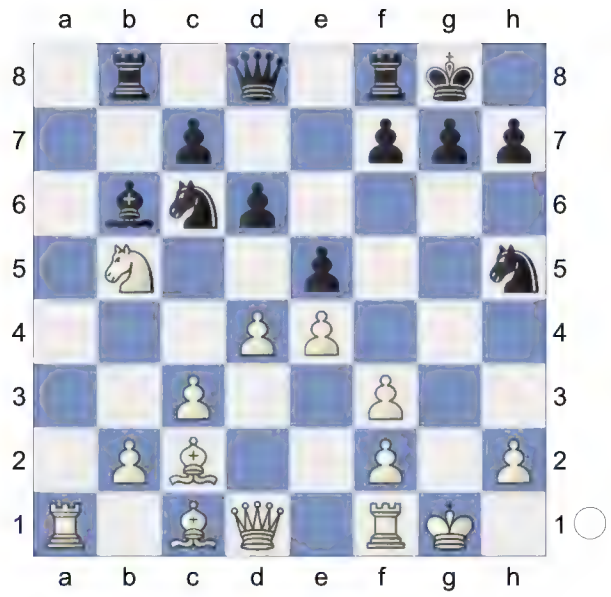


**15.f4N**
[ 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 25.fxe4 dxe4 26.d5 Qf6 27.Bxb6 Qxb6 28.Qd4 Qb7 29.c4 Ne2 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
**15...Nxf4** White has an edge. **16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Qg4** Inhibits Qg5. **17...Qf6 18.Kh1 g6** 0.52/20
[ 18...Ne7!= -0.01/21 ]
**19.Rg1N**
[ 19.b4 Nd8 20.Ra6 Ne6! 21.Bb3 h5 22.Qh3 -0.53/25 *( 22.Qg2=* 0.01/23 *)* 22...Ra8 0.01/23 *( 22...Ng5∓* -0.53/25 *23.Qd3 Qd8 )* 23.Rxa8= Rxa8 24.Bd5 Rb8 25.Rg1 Kf8! 26.Qd3 Nd8 27.Bb3 -0.51/28 *( 27.Na3=* -0.02/24 deserves consideration.*)* 27...c6 0.00/22 *(* Black should play *27...Ra8!∓* -0.51/28 *)* 28.Na3 Bc7 29.Nc4 Ne6 0.75/22 *( 29...c5=* -0.12/23 *)* 30.Ba4 -0.01/23 *(* Better is *30.Nd2±* 0.75/22 *)* 30...d5 0.71/25 *( 30...Nd8=* -0.01/23 keeps the balance. *)* 31.Nd2± Nxd4? 5.01/25

*( 31...dxe4± 0.55/21 32.Nxe4 Qh4 )* 32.cxd4+- Rxb4 And now ...Qxd4! would win. 33.e5 Qh4 34.Qa3 c5 35.dxc5 f3 36.Bd7 Qxf2 6.47/25 *( ⌓36...Kg7 4.58/21 37.Rf1 Qf4 )* 37.Qxb4+- Bxe5 38.c6+ Kg7 39.Nf1 Bd4 40.Ne3! Qxe3 41.Qe1 Qd3 42.Qd1 Qe4 ( -> ...f2+) 43.Bf5 Qf4 44.Rg3 f2 45.Bd3 h4 46.Rg4 Qe3 ( -> ...Qe1+) 47.Bf1 Bb6 48.Qxd5 h3 Bosiocic,M (2558)-Godena,M (2509) Zillertal 2015 1-0 ]

**19...Nd8** 0.56/18

[ 19...Ne7= 0.20/21 ]

**20.b4** -0.31/20

[ 20.Na3± 0.56/18 ]

**20...Ne6** 0.64/19

[ 20...c5!∓ -0.31/20 21.bxc5 dxc5 ]

**21.Bb3!± Rfe8 22.Bd5 Kg7 23.Qf5** White is much more active. **23...Qh4 24.f3 Kf8** 1.06/22 Black is weak on the light squares

[ 24...Kh6± 0.63/20 25.Qg4 *( 25.Qxf7? is the wrong capture. Re7-+ )* 25...Qxg4 26.Rxg4 Kg7 ]

**25.Qg4± Qf6 26.Rgd1** 0.43/24

[ 26.Qh3 Kg7 27.Ra2 0.45/21 *( 27.Ra6± 1.09/21 )*]

[ 26.Qh3± 1.28/22 ]

**26...h5± 27.Qg2 Nd8!**

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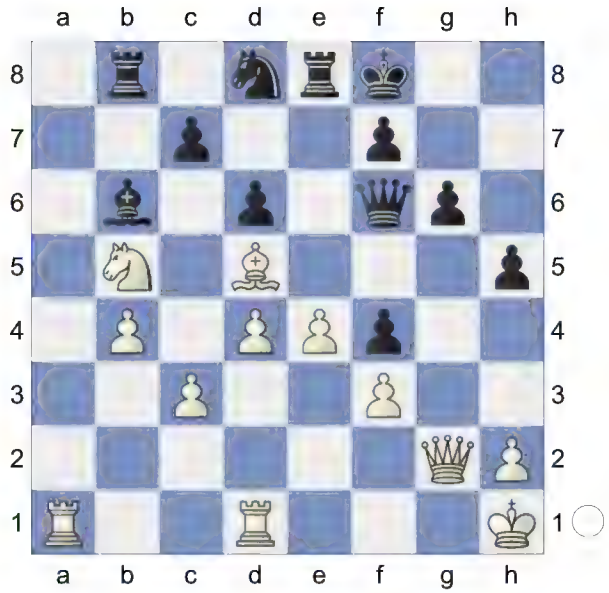



**28.Na7 Bxa7! 29.Rxa7 c6 30.Bc4 Re7** 0.80/22

[ 30...Rc8!= 0.26/20 ]

**31.Qa2** -0.01/23

[ 31.Ra6± 0.80/22 ]

**31...Kg7** The position is equal. **32.Ra1 Rxa7 33.Qxa7 Rb7 34.Qa8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise) **34...Qe7**

½-½

**160** **C78**

□ **Anokhin,Yury** **2421**

■ **Volodarsky,Yury Aleksandrovich**

corr DE10A/SF /SF 11 13.01.2018

*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6N**

[ 10...Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6

21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 24.Qg3 fxe4 25.Rxe4 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]

**11.Re1** 0.01/20

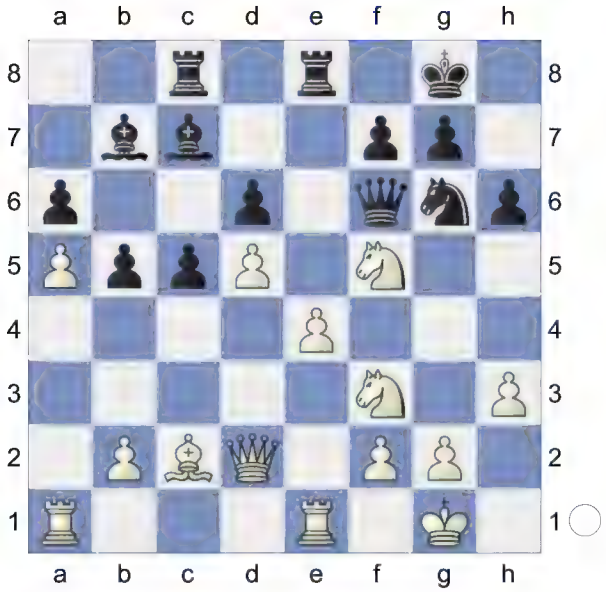
[ 11.h3± 0.40/18 was preferable. ]

**11...Ng4=** The position is equal. **12.Nf1 Nxe3 13.Nxe3 exd4 14.cxd4 Ne7 15.a4 Bb7 16.a5 Ba7 17.Bc2 c5 18.Qd2! Re8 19.Rad1 Rc8 20.h3 Bb8 21.d5 Bc7 22.Ra1 Ng6** 0.71/22

[ 22...Rb8= 0.28/20 ]

**23.Nf5± Qf6** 1.34/23

[ ⌓23...Ra8 0.77/22 ]



**24.Nh2!** White is more active. Excellent horsemanship. **24...Qxb2 25.Rab1 Qa2**

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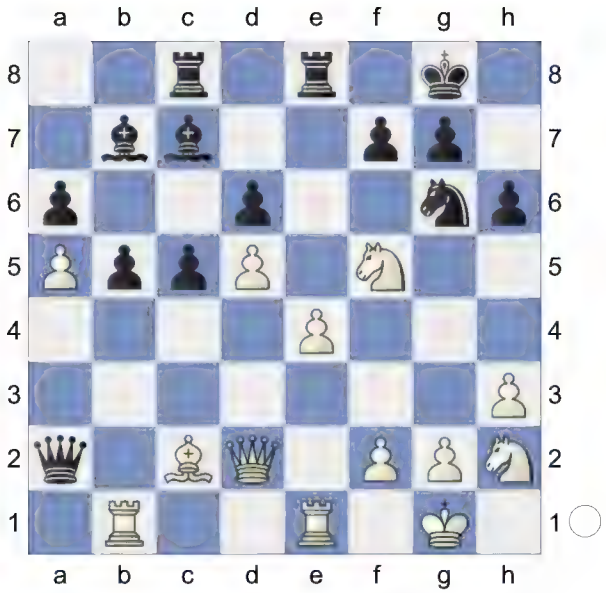


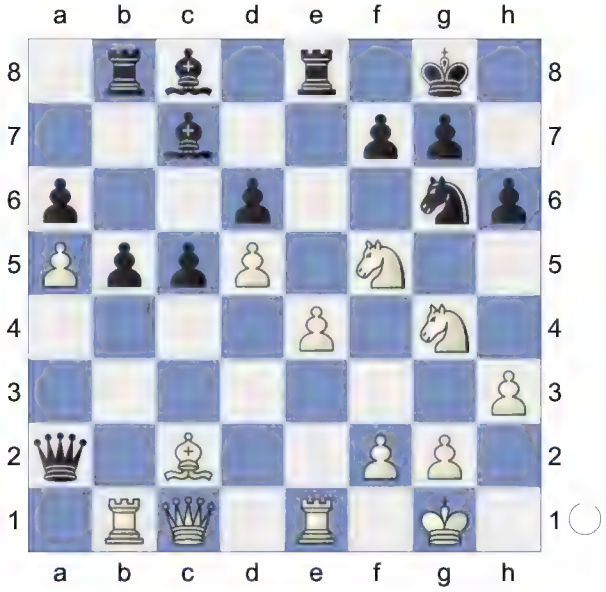
**26.Qc1! Rb8** 1.86/25

[ 26...h5± 1.33/21 ]

**27.Ng4→** White wants a kill. **27...Bc8**

[ 27...Qxa5? perishes. 28.Ra1 *( 28.Nxg7 Qxe1+ 29.Qxe1 Kxg7+- )* 28...Qc3 29.Ra3 ]

[ 27...Bxa5? 28.Nf6+ *( 28.Ra1 Qxd5 29.Qb2 Qxf5+- )* 28...Kf8 *( 28...gxf6 29.Qxh6 Bxe1 30.Qg7# )* 29.Ra1+- *( 29.Nxe8 Bxe1 30.Nexg7 Kg8+- )*]



and ...Bxf5! would now be decisive

**28.Nxg7** Remove Defender, Decoy

**28...Bxg4 29.Nxe8 Rxe8 30.hxg4** Strongly threatening Ra1. **30...Qc4 31.Qd2 Ne5 32.Ra1** 1.41/22
[ 32.g5?! Bxa5 33.Qxa5 Qxc2± ]
[ 32.f4+- 1.81/22 Nxg4 33.Ra1 *( 33.Bb3 Bxa5* Deflection *34.Qxa5 Qd4+ 35.Kh1 Qf2∓ )*]
**32...b4?** 2.94/20
[ 32...Qb4± 1.41/22 33.Qxb4 *( 33.Qxh6 Qb2± )* 33...cxb4 ]
**33.f4**
[ Don't do 33.Ba4?! Rb8± ]
**33...Ng6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
**34.Re3**
**1-0**

**161** **C78**
□ **Vocaturo,Daniele** **2441**
■ **Godena,Michele** **2522**
Italia (ch) 2006
*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.d5N** -0.01/19
[ 13.Bc2!± 0.42/20 Bxf3 *( 13...exd4 14.Nbxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nh5 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Be3 Ra8 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Rg1 Nf4 21.Bb3* ½-½ Arcusa,M (1840)-Miraoui,K (2095) Rohde op 06th 2006 (4)*)* 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 25.fxe4 dxe4 26.d5 Qf6 27.Bxb6 Qxb6 28.Qd4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]
[ 13.Be3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Na5 16.Qxe4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxb3 18.Ra3 Na5 19.Rc1 d5 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Rac3 Ba5 22.Bxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxc7 Qxc7 24.b3 Rb4 25.bxc4 Rxc4 ½-½ Dominguez Perez,L (2610)-Charbonneau,P (2442) 88/(138) Buenos Aires 2003 ]
**13...Ne7= 14.Bc2 Ng6 15.h3** The position is equal. **15...Bxh3 16.gxh3 Qd7 17.c4**
[ 17.Nxd6 simplifies cxd6 18.Kh2 Ra8 19.Rb1 ]
**17...Qxh3** ( -> ...Ng4) **18.Ng5! Qg3+ 19.Kh1 Qh4+**
[ 19...Bxf2? 20.Ra3+- *( 20.Nxc7? Ng4-+ )*]
**20.Kg2** next Nh3 is good for White.
**20...Nf4+ 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Nh3**
[ 22.Nf3!? Qg4+□ 23.Kh1= ]
**22...g5 23.Ra3** -0.67/21
[ ⌓23.Qe2 -0.31/23 ]
**23...Ng4** -0.21/22
[ 23...Ra8∓ -0.67/21 was preferable. 24.Rb3 Nd7 ]
**24.Rh1?** -7.16/24
[ 24.Qe1= -0.21/22 ]
**24...Nxf2-+**
[ 24...Bxf2? 25.Nxf4 *( 25.Nxc7? Ne3+ 26.Rxe3 Bxe3-+ )* 25...Ne3+ 26.Rxe3 Qxf4 27.Rf3 Qg4+ 28.Kxf2+- ]
**25.Nxf2 Qxf2+ 26.Kh3**

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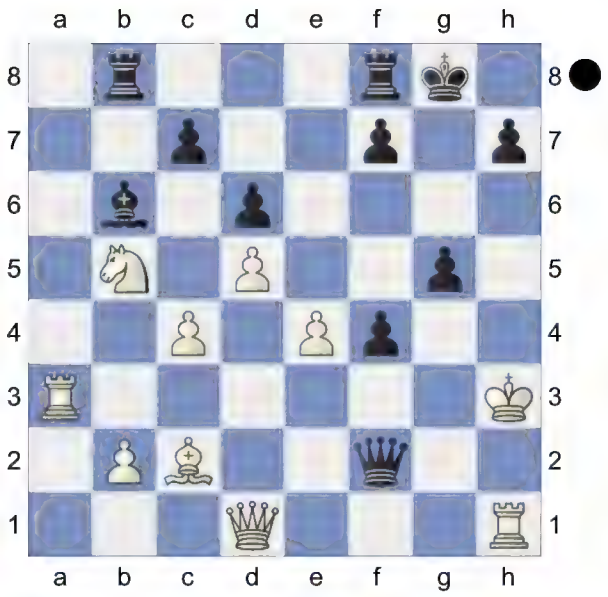

**f5! 27.exf5 Qh4+?** 0.01/5
[ 27...Be3-+ -6.64/22 ( -> ...Qg3#) 28.Rxe3 Qxe3+ *( 28...fxe3 29.Bd3= )* 29.Kg2 Qg3+ 30.Kf1 Rfe8 ]
**28.Kg2= Qf2+→** White needs to defend precisely. **29.Kh3** aiming for Rh2. **29...Rbe8** Hoping for ...h5!. **30.Rf3** -28.97/23
[ ⌓30.Kg4 -5.14/19 Qg2+ 31.Kh5 ]
**30...Re3-+ 31.Rxe3 Qxe3+** -6.92/5
[ ⌓31...h5 -19.86/22 32.Rc3 g4+ 33.Qxg4+ hxg4+ 34.Kxg4 Qg2+ 35.Kxf4 Qxh1 ]
**32.Kg4**

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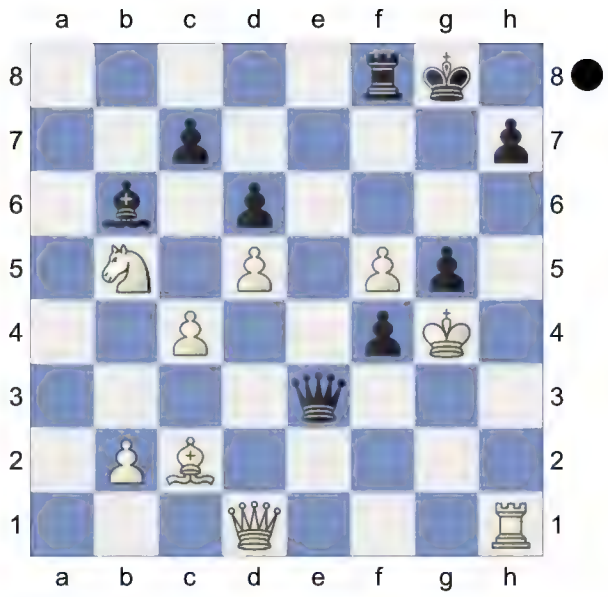
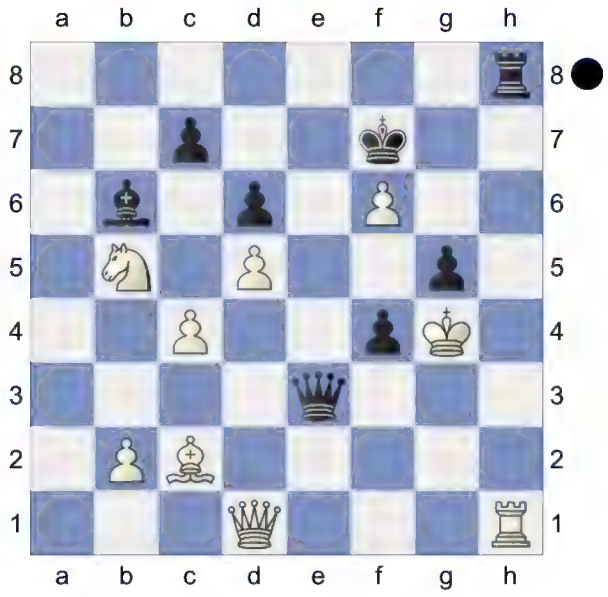


**h5+! 33.Kxh5 Kf7** ( -> ...Rh8+) **34.f6 Rh8+ 35.Kg4**



**Kxf6!** -8.55/23 **36.Qe1**

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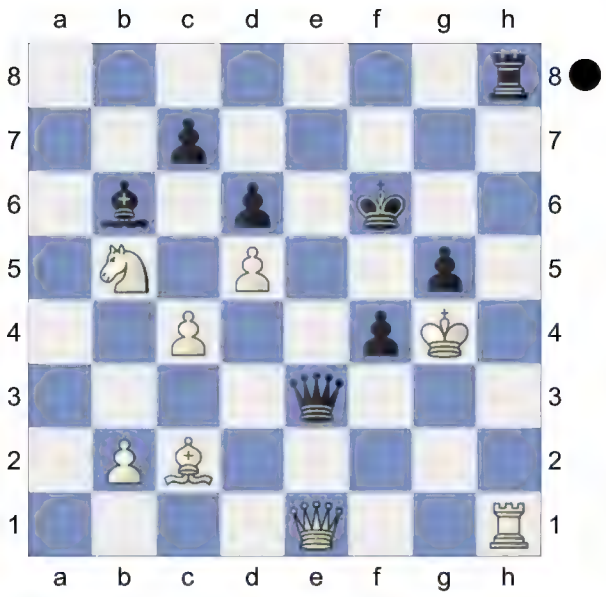

Black is clearly winning. **36...Rh4+!** Deflection **37.Rxh4 Qxe1 38.Rh6+ Kg7 39.Rh7+ Kg8 40.Bg6 Qg3+ 41.Kf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.25/ Black=0.82
**41...f3**
**0-1**

**162** **C78**
□ **Hapala,Elisabeth** **2033**
■ **Subhayan,Kundu** **2326**
Barbera del Valles op 45th (7) 10.07.23
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5** is cutting edge theory. ist die Avantgarde der Theorie. **7.a4** and axb5 should not be overlooked
**7...Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1. 7) ]
**8.d3 h6N**
[ 8...0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th 145686 1997 (3) ]
**9.c3** 0.11/19
[ 9.Be3± 0.63/22 Bxe3 10.fxe3 ]
**9...d6=** The position is equal. **10.Re1 0-0 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Rxe3N**
[Predecessor: 12.fxe3 d5 0.38/21 *( 12...Ne7=* -0.29/18 *)* 13.exd5± Nxd5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Bxa8 16.e4 -0.26/20 *( ⌓16.Nbd2* 0.27/21 *)* 16...Nf4= 17.Re3 -0.65/21 *( 17.Bc2=* -0.24/21 deserves consideration.*)* 17...Qd6 18.Kh1 -0.88/20 0-1 Strapko, G-Kichev,V Baltic Sea tt5 B05 corr8691 1986 *( 18.Na3∓* -0.31/19 *)*]
**12...d5** 0.40/18
[ 12...Ne7= -0.13/19 ]
**13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Na3 dxe4 16.dxe4 Qb8 17.Nd2** -0.37/21
[ 17.Qd3= 0.01/22 ]
**17...Rd8 18.Qc2** -1.08/21
[ 18.Bc2!= -0.15/21 ]
**18...Na5∓ 19.Ba2 b4** -0.40/21
[Better is 19...c5∓ -1.37/19 20.b4 cxb4 21.cxb4 Nc6 ]
Loses the game. **20.Nac4?** -4.64/24
[ 20.cxb4!∓ -0.40/21 Qxb4 21.Nab1 ]

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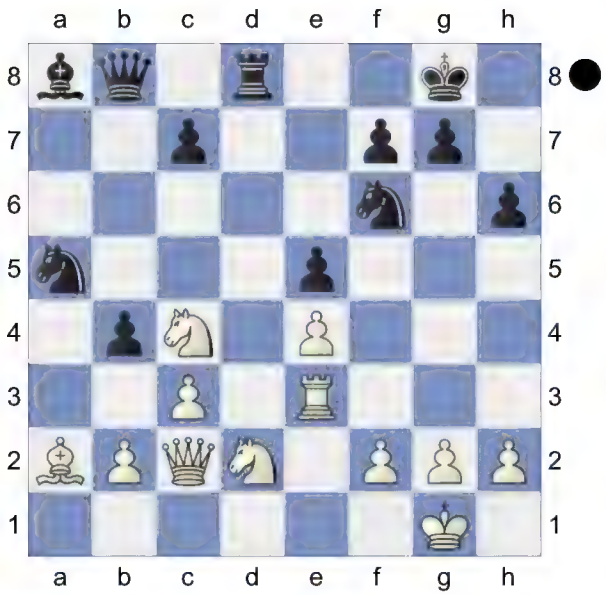


**20...b3!-+ 21.Bxb3 Nxb3 22.Nxb3 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Nxe4 24.Nxe5 Qb5** Repels Nc6 **25.Nf3 Qd3 26.Qxd3 Rxd3** Endgame KRN-KNN **27.Kf1 Rd1+ 28.Ke2 Rb1 29.Ke3 Rxb2 30.Kxe4 Rxb3** KR-KN **31.Kd3 Rb1 32.Kd4 Rb2 33.Kd5 Rxf2 34.c4 Rxg2 35.Kc6 g5** and ...g4 would now be decisive **36.c5 g4 37.Ne5 f6 38.Nd7 Kf7 39.Kxc7 Rxh2 40.c6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.28 (precise)

**40...Rc2** -19.63/26

[ ⌓40...g3 -#13/28 41.Nc5 g2 42.Ne4 g1Q *( 42...g1R? 43.Kd7-+ )* 43.Nd6+ Ke6 44.Ne8 Rb2 45.Kc8 Qg8 46.Kc7 Qg3+ 47.Nd6 Qxd6+ 48.Kc8 Qb8# ]

**0-1**

**163** **C78**

□ **Nikanova,Ekaterina** **2032**

■ **Mkrtchyan,Mariam** **2343**

EU-ch (Women) 23rd (1) 18.03.2023

*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Bb7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 exd4 13.cxd4 g5! 14.Bg3N** 14.Nxg5 injects fresh life into this line.14.Sxg5 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante.

[ 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Nxd4 16.Bd5 Ne6 17.Bh4 c6 *( 17...Bxd5 18.exd5 Ng7 19.Qf3 Re8 20.Nc3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Bd4 22.Re4 Bxf2+ 23.Qxf2 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Qc8 25.Nf6+ Kf8 26.g4 bxa4 27.Bg5 Qb7 28.Bh6 a3 29.bxa3 Rb8 30.Nh5 Qb1+ 31.Kg2 Qe4+ 32.Kg3* (40) 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 *Rb3+ 33.Kh4 Qe7+ 34.Nf6 Rb1 35.a4 Ra1 36.Bg5 Qe1 37.Qxe1 Rxe1 38.Bh6 Re2 39.h3 Ra2 40.Nh5 f5 41.Bxg7+ Kf7 42.gxf5 Rxa4+ 43.Kg5* 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 *)* 18.Qf3 Kg7 19.Ra3 Bd4 20.Qg3+ Kh7 21.e5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 dxe5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Be4+ 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 ]

**14...Re8** The position is equal. **15.Qd3N** -0.57/21

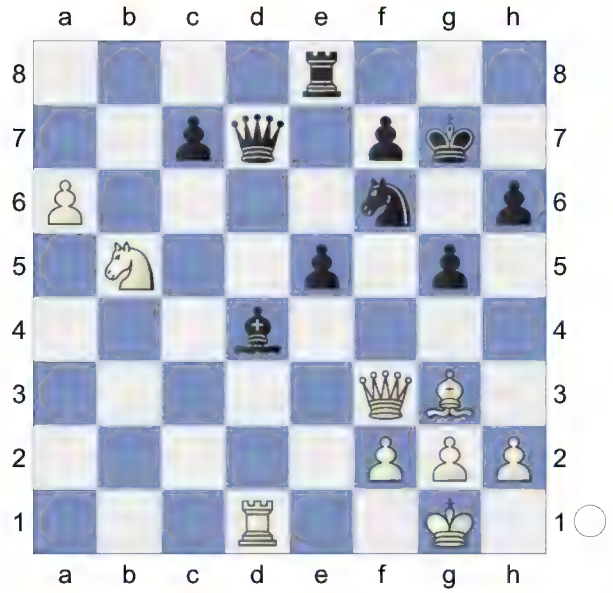
[Predecessor: 15.d5 Ne7 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Bxa8 18.Nc3 Ng6 19.Bc2 Nh5 20.Nxb5 Nxg3 21.hxg3 ½-½ (55) Sevian,S (2660)-Matlakov,M (2685) Chess.com INT 2020 ]

[ 15.d5= 0.08/23 Na5 16.Bc2 ]

**15...Na5** -0.21/21

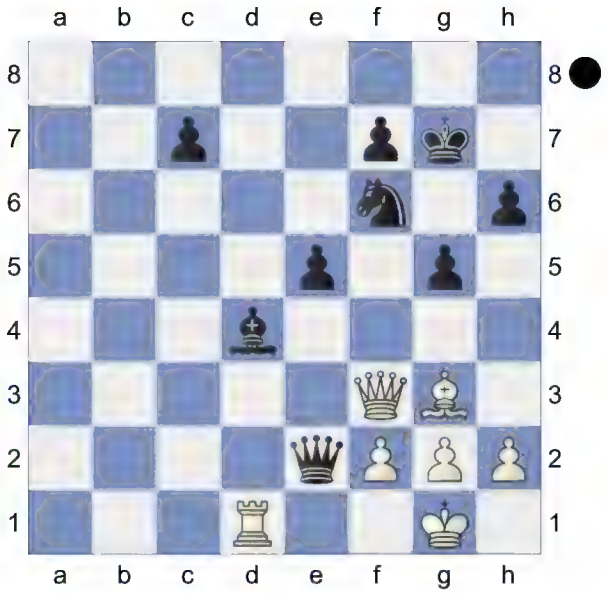
[ 15...Nb4!∓ -0.57/21 was preferable.

16.Qd2 Nxe4 17.Qxb4 c5 ]
**16.e5** -0.86/21
[ 16.Ba2!= -0.21/21 remains equal. Nxe4 *( 16...Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Nxe4 18.Nc3± )* 17.Nc3 ]
**16...Nxb3∓ 17.Qxb3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Bxd4 19.axb5 Bxb2** -0.01/22
[Black should try 19...dxe5∓ -0.80/22 and ...e4 should not be overlooked 20.Nc3 Qd6 ]
**20.Rxa6= Rxa6 21.bxa6 dxe5**
**22.Rd1⇄** White is not holding back
**22...Bd4 23.Nc3 Kg7** 0.55/24
[ 23...c6= 0.01/23 ]
**24.Nb5±** a7 is the strong threat.
**24...Qd7?** 3.44/26
[ 24...c6± 0.44/22 25.Nxd4 *( 25.Qxc6?* perishes. *Bxf2+* Discovered Attack *26.Kxf2 Qxd1-+ )* 25...exd4 ]



**25.a7??** -3.58/24 Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **25...Qxb5-+ 26.a8Q Rxa8 27.Qxa8 Qe2 28.Qf3**

(Diagram)

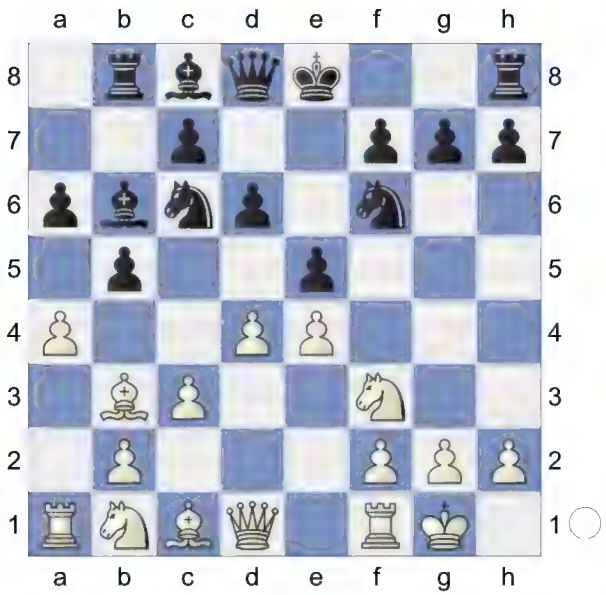


**Qxf3 29.gxf3** Endgame KRB-KBN
**29...c5 30.Rc1** -5.53/27
[ ⌓30.Kf1 -3.78/25 Kg6 31.Rb1 ]
**30...Nd7 31.h4 Kf6 32.Kg2 Ke6 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.Bh2 Nb6 35.f4 gxf4 36.f3 c4 37.Bg1 Kd5 38.Bxd4 exd4** KR-KN **39.Kf2 c3 40.Ke2 Kc4** ( -> ...d3+) **41.Rh1 d3+ 42.Kd1 Nd5** Black mates. **43.Kc1 d2+ 44.Kd1** Weighted Error Value: White=1.09/ Black=0.24 (precise)
**44...Kd3**
**0-1**

**164** **C78**
□ **Bogachkova,Alena** **2032**
■ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2322**
EU-ch (Women) 23rd (4) 21.03.2023
*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8**

(Diagram)



**10.a5!** 10.a5 scores better than 10.axb5. 10.a5 punktet besser als 10.axb5.

[ 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

**10...Ba7 11.Be3N** 0.01/21

[ 11.h3± 0.44/25 Bb7 12.Be3 Nxe4 13.Nbd2 *( 13.Re1 exd4 14.Bg5 Ne7 15.Nbd2 Nf6 16.Nh4 Qd7 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh5 Kd8 19.Qh6 dxc3 20.bxc3 d5 21.Ne4 Qc6 22.Nxf6 Qxc3 23.Qg7* 0-1 Antoniewski,R (2540)-Papp,G (2583) TCh-AUT 2016-17 (4.1)*)* 13...exd4 *( 13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 0-0 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qxd8 Rbxd8 17.Bxa7 Nxa7 18.Nxe5* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 14.cxd4 Nxd2 *( 14...Ne7 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Nxe4* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 15.Qxd2 0-0 16.Rae1 Re8 17.Ng5 d5 18.Qd1 h6 19.Nxf7 Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Kg8 21.Bxd5+ Kh8 22.Bxc6 Rf8 23.Qe4 Bxc6 24.Qxc6 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Re2 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**11...Bg4!= 12.Nbd2** The position is equal. **12...exd4 13.cxd4 0-0! 14.h3 Bh5 15.Qc1 Nb4 16.Qc3 c5** Threatening ...Bxf3. **17.dxc5 dxc5 18.Bg5!**

[ 18.Bxc5 Rc8 19.Bxa7 Rxc3 20.bxc3 Nd3∓ ]

**18...h6 19.Bh4 Nd3** And now ...c4 would win. **20.e5 Bxf3! 21.Bxf6N**

[Predecessor: 21.exf6 Be2 22.Rae1 Bxf1 ½-½ (22) Domanov,D (2564)-Giese,G (2494) LSS email 2015 ]

[ 21.Nxf3 is interesting. Ne4 22.Qc2 Ng5 23.Bxg5 hxg5 24.Rad1 ]

**21...gxf6**

[ 21...Qd4 22.Qxd4 cxd4 23.Nxf3 gxf6 24.e6 fxe6 25.Bxe6+ Kh8 ]

**22.Nxf3** aiming for Qd2. **22...fxe5**

[ 22...c4 simplifies 23.Bc2 fxe5 24.Bxd3 Qxd3 25.Qxd3 cxd3 26.Nxe5 Rbd8 ]

**23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.Qxe5 c4! 25.Bc2 Qg5 26.Qe4 f5** 1.36/23 Active counter play!

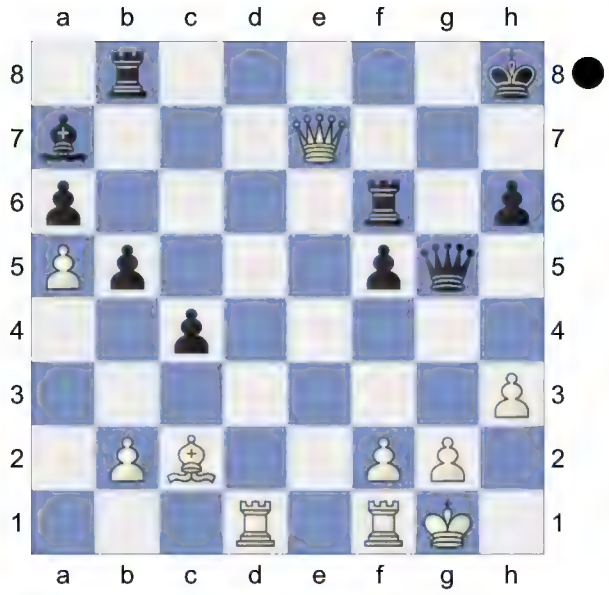
[ 26...Qg6= -0.01/25 ]

**27.Qe6+** 0.46/25

[Better is 27.Qd5+± 1.36/23 Kh8 28.Rae1 ]

**27...Kh8± 28.Rad1 Rf6! 29.Qe7⇄**

(Diagram)



White puts up resistance **29...Rg8!** **30.g4 Qh4** This costs White the game. **31.Kh2** -6.88/30

[ 31.Qxa7= -0.01/22 Qxh3 32.f3 *( 32.Rd4* leads to mate. *Rxg4+ 33.Rxg4 Qxg4+ 34.Kh2 Qh5+ 35.Kg3 f4+ 36.Kg2 f3+ 37.Kg3 Qg5+ 38.Kh3 Qg2+ 39.Kh4 Qh2+ 40.Kg4 Rf4# )* 32...Rxg4+ *( 32...Qg3+ 33.Kh1= )* 33.fxg4 Qg3+ 34.Kh1 Qh3+ 35.Kg1 ]

**31...Bxf2-+** **32.Qc7** Wards off Qg3+ **32...Re8**

[ 32...Rxg4 33.Rd8+ Rg8 34.Rxg8+ Kxg8 35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.Qe7+ Kg8 *( 36...Kg6 37.Qe8+ Kg7 38.Qe7+ Rf7 39.Qe5+ Rf6 40.Rd1= )* 37.Qe8+ Kg7 38.Qe7+ Kg8 39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.Qe7+= ]

**33.Kg2**

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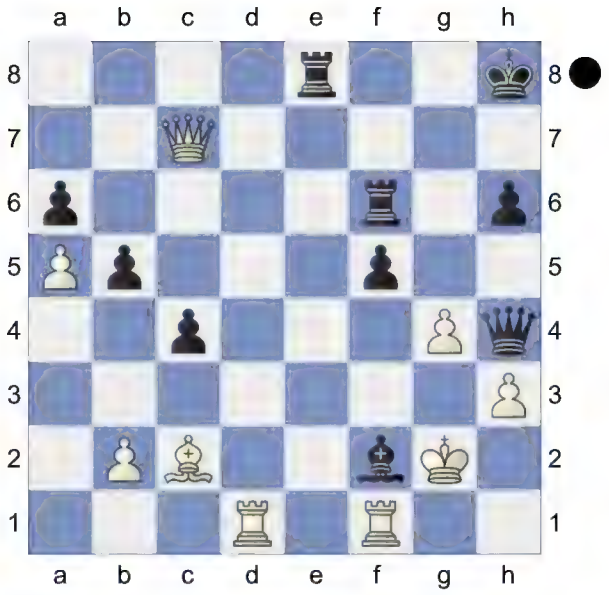

**Rf7!!** Deflection **34.Qd6**

[ 34.Qf4 fxg4 ]

**34...fxg4 35.Qg6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/ Black=0.07 (flawless)

**35...Qxh3#**

**0-1**

**165** **C78**

□ **LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6**

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*[Kitty Kat]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 Ba7 11.h3!** Dodges Bg4 **11...0-0** 0.44/22

[ 11...Bb7!= 0.08/23 deserves consideration. ]

**12.Be3±** White is slightly better. **12...Re8 13.Ng5 Rf8**

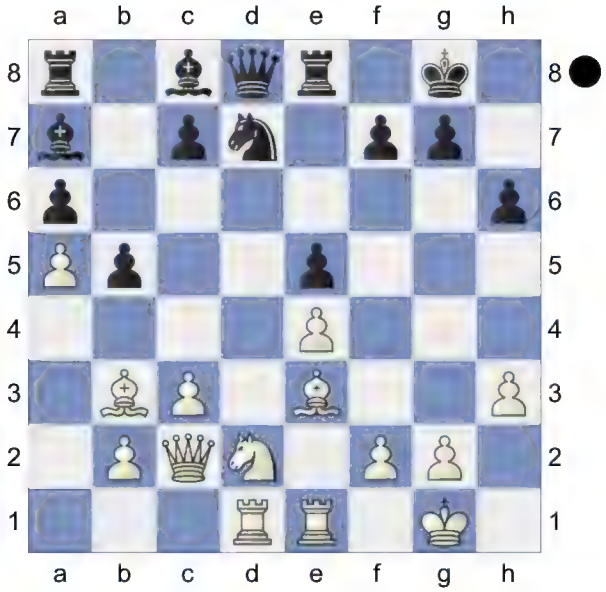
[ 13...d5?! 14.exd5 Nxa5 *( 14...exd4 15.Nxf7 Kxf7 16.dxc6+ Be6 17.Bxe6+ Rxe6 18.cxd4± )*

15.Rxa5+- ]

**14.Re1 Ra8 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 Re8N**
[ 16...exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.e5 Nfd5 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bb7 21.Rc1 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxd4 23.Qh5 Nd5 *( 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Nd3 25.Rxd3 Qxd3 26.Nc5 Qd2 27.Rd1 Rae8 28.Rxd2 Rxe5 29.Nxb7 c5 30.f4 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Rc1 32.Bc2 c4 33.Nc5 b4 34.b3 Rc8 35.Nxa6 cxb3 36.Bxb3 R1c3 37.Rb2* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 24.Rf3 Qe7 *( 24...Bxe5 25.Qxe5 Qe7 26.Qd4 Qb4 27.Rd3* 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1*)* 25.Nxf7 Qxe4 26.Rxc7 Nf4 27.Ng5+ Kh8 28.Nxe4 Nxh5 29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Rxb7 13. Ruy Lopez Archangelsk-Archangelsk 10...Ba7,1 ]

**17.Qc2 exd4 18.Bxd4 Ne5** 0.53/24
[ 18...Nxd4= 0.02/23 19.cxd4 Bb7 ]

**19.Rad1! Nfd7 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Be3**



**Bxe3 22.Rxe3 c5! 23.Bd5 Rb8 24.Rf3 Rf8 25.Qb3 Nf6! 26.Nc4**

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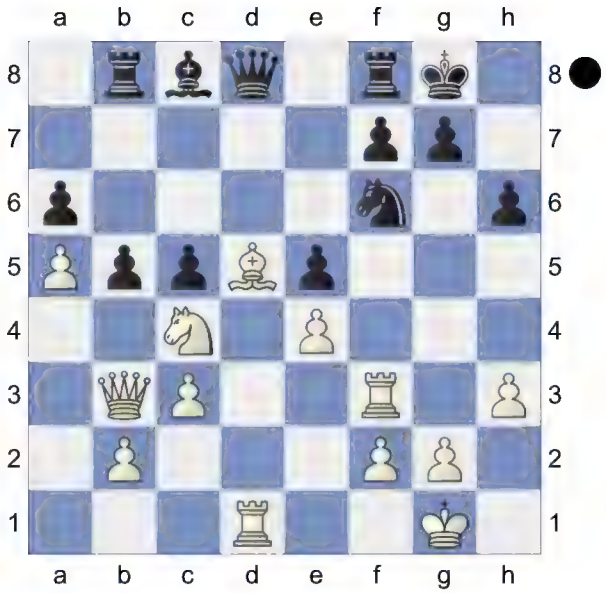

Pin. The position is equal. **26...Qc7 27.Nb6 c4! 28.Qb4 Rd8! 29.b3 cxb3 30.Qxb3 Be6 31.Qb4 Rd6 32.Rfd3 Bxd5 33.exd5** White wants to play c4. **33...Rbd8 34.R3d2**
[ 34.c4 simplifies bxc4 35.Qxc4 Qxc4 36.Nxc4 Rxd5 37.Nxe5 Rxd3 38.Rxd3 Rxd3 39.Nxd3 Nd5 40.Kf1 ]

**34...g6 35.Rd3 h5 36.Kh1 Nd7 37.c4!** Threatens to win with Rc3. **37...Qc5 38.Qxc5 Nxc5 39.R3d2 Ne4 40.Rc2**
[ But not 40.Re2 Nc3 41.c5 Nxe2∓ ]

**40...bxc4 41.Kg1 Nf6 42.Rxc4 Nxd5 43.Rc8! Rxc8 44.Nxc8 Rc6**
[ Wrong is 44...Rd7? 45.Rxd5 Rc7 46.Nd6+- ]

**45.Rxd5 Rxc8 46.Rxe5 Rc1+ 47.Kh2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

**47...Rc4**

**½-½**

**166** **C78**
□ **Rada,Hannes** **2394**
■ **Walter,Gerhard** **2381**
corr AUT/C31 (AUT) 01.09.2011
*[TA]*

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

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[ 13.Bc2!± 0.43/22 was preferable. Bxf3 *( 13...exd4 14.Nbxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nh5 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Be3 Ra8 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Rg1 Nf4 21.Bb3* ½-½ Arcusa,M (1840)-Miraoui,K (2095) Rohde op 06th 2006 (4)*)* 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Be3 Qf6 16.Kh1 Ne7 17.Rg1 Ng6 18.Rg4 Nhf4 19.Bb3 c6 20.Na3 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.Ba4 f5 24.Rg3 e4 25.fxe4 dxe4 26.d5 Qf6 27.Bxb6 Qxb6 28.Qd4 ½-½ (48) Dominguez Perez,L (2655)-Miton,K (2638) La 98/253 Havana 2006 ]

[ 13.Be3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxe4 15.Qc2 Na5 16.Qxe4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Nxb3 18.Ra3 Na5 19.Rc1 d5 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Rac3 Ba5 22.Bxc7 Bxc7 23.Nxc7 Qxc7 24.b3 Rb4 25.bxc4 Rxc4 ½-½ Dominguez Perez,L (2610)-Charbonneau,P (2442) 88/(138) Buenos Aires 2003 ]

**13...Ne7= 14.Bc2 Qe8 15.c4** White has an edge. **15...Nxe4! 16.Bxe4 f5 17.Bc2 e4**

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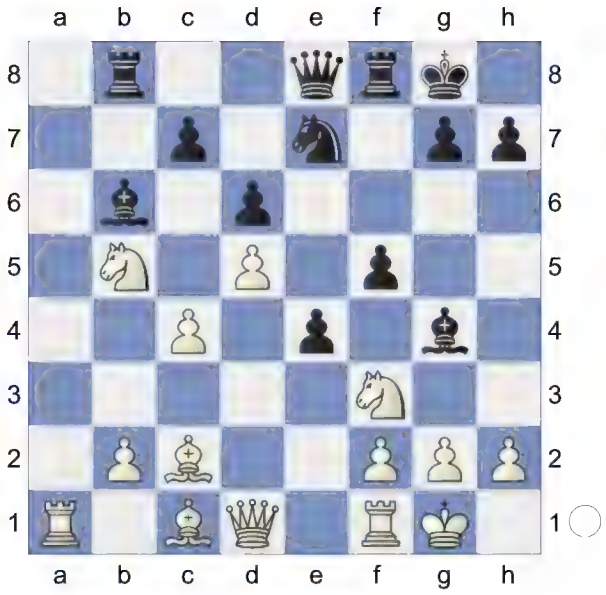


**18.Be3! exf3 19.Re1!**

[ 19.gxf3? Bh3 20.Bf4 Qh5-+ ]

**19...fxg2! 20.Qd2 Bxe3 21.Rxe3**

[ 21.Qxe3 simplifies Ng6 22.Qxe8 Rbxe8 23.Kxg2 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 Nf4+ 25.Kg3 ]

**21...Qd8** Hoping for ...Ng6. **22.Nd4↑** Black is under pressure. **22...f4** 0.62/25

[ 22...Rxb2? 23.Ne6 *( 23.Kxg2 f4∓ )* 23...f4 24.Nxd8+- ]

[ 22...Ng6= -0.01/25 ]

**23.Ree1!±** White is more active. **23...Qd7!**

[ 23...Rxb2 24.Bxh7+ *( 24.Kxg2? Nf5-+ )* 24...Kxh7 25.Qxb2± ]

**24.b4 Ng6 25.Bxg6 hxg6 26.b5 Rbe8** 1.14/28

[ 26...Qf7= 0.30/25 keeps the balance. ]

**27.Rxe8!±**

[ 27.Kxg2 Bf3+ 28.Nxf3 Qg4+ 29.Kh1 Qxf3+ 30.Kg1 Rxe1+ 31.Rxe1 Rf5-+ ]

[ 27.f3 Bh3= ]

**27...Qxe8 28.Re1!** Against f3 **28...Qa8 29.Ne6!**

[ 29.Kxg2 Qd8= ]

[ 29.f3 Bh3 30.Ne6 Bxe6 31.Rxe6

g5= ]

**29...Bxe6** **30.dxe6** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **30...f3** **31.e7** White has strong compensation. Some like it hot **31...Re8** **32.Qc3!** Wards off Qa3 **32...Kh8**

[ 32...Kf7? 33.Qe3 Kg8 34.Qe6+ Kh7 35.Qh3+ Kg8 36.Qd7+- *( 36.Qe6+ Kh7+- )*]

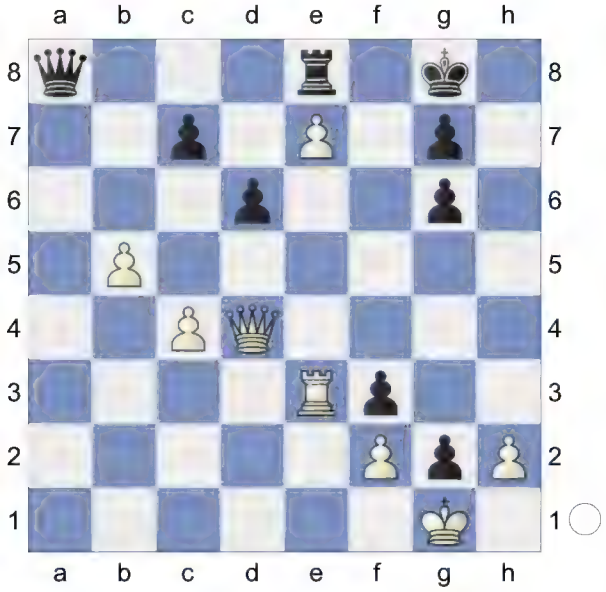
**33.Re3** Loses the game. **33...Kh7?** 3.00/26

[ 33...Qa2± 0.87/29 is a better defense. ]

**34.Qd4!+-**

[ 34.Rxf3 Rxe7 35.Re3 *( 35.Kxg2 Re4∓; 35.Rh3+ Kg8± )* 35...Re4± ]

**34...Kg8**



**35.Qd1!** **g5** 3.79/30

[ ⌓35...Kh8 2.53/31 36.Qxf3 Qxf3 37.Rxf3 Rxe7 ]

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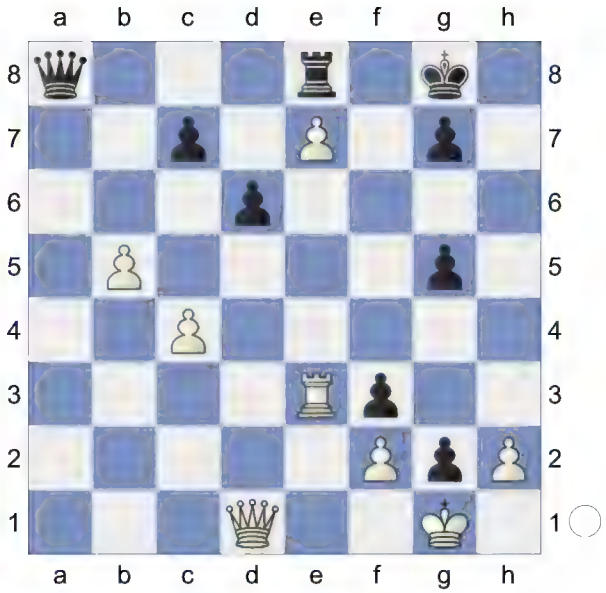

**36.h3!**

[ 36.Qxf3 Qxf3 37.Rxf3 Rxe7= ]

[ 36.Rxf3 Rxe7 37.Rd3 *( 37.Kxg2? g4-+ Pin )* 37...Qe8 38.Kxg2 Re1= ]

**36...Kh7** **37.Kh2**

[ 37.Qxf3 Qxf3 38.Rxf3 Rxe7= ]

[ 37.Rxf3 Rxe7 38.Rg3 *( 38.Kxg2 Qe4= )* 38...Re5± ]

**37...Kg8** **38.c5**

[ 38.Qxf3 Qxf3 39.Rxf3 Rxe7= ]

**38...dxc5** **39.Qd7**

[ 39.Qxf3 Qxf3 40.Rxf3 Rxe7= ]

[ 39.Qb3+ Kh7 40.Qc2+ *( 40.Rxf3 Rxe7 41.Kxg2 Kh6∓ )* 40...Kg8 41.Qb3+ *( 41.Qxc5? Qa1-+ )* 41...Kh7 42.Qc2+ Kg8 43.Qb3++- ]

**39...Kh7** **40.Qf5+**

[ 40.Qxc7 Qa1 41.Kg3 g1Q+ *( 41...g1B 42.Qxc5 Qf6 43.Re4± )* 42.Kxf3 Qf6+ 43.Ke4 Qd4+ *( 43...Qfxf2 44.Kd5 Qxe3 45.Qd7 Qf3+ 46.Kd6 Qf6+ 47.Qe6 Qgd4+* Deflection *48.Kc7 Qxe6 49.Kb7 Qdd7#; 43...Rxe7+ 44.Qxe7 Qh1+ 45.f3 Qd4+ 46.Kf5 Qxh3+ 47.Kxg5 Qdh4# )* 44.Kf5 Qxf2+ ]

**40...Kg8** **41.Qxg5**

[ 41.Qxf3 Qxf3 42.Rxf3 Rxe7= ]

**41...g1Q+ 42.Kxg1 Qa1+ 43.Kh2 Qd4** Against Qd5+ **44.Kg3!** Strongly threatening Qg6!.
[ 44.Rxf3 Qd6+ 45.Qg3 Rxe7± ]
**44...c4 45.Qg6**
[ 45.Rxf3 Qd6+ 46.Kg2 Qxe7= ]
[ 45.Kxf3 c3± ]
**45...Qd7 46.Qe4**
[ 46.Kxf3 Rxe7 47.Rxe7 Qxe7= ]
**46...c3 47.Qc4+**
[ 47.Kxf3 Qxh3+ 48.Ke2 Qd7± ]
[ 47.Rxc3 Qd6+ 48.Kxf3 *( 48.Qf4 Qg6+ 49.Kxf3 Rxe7= )* 48...Rxe7 *( 48...Qf6+ 49.Kg2± )* 49.Qc4+ Rf7+ 50.Kg2 Qf6= ]
**47...Kh7 48.Qc5** Wards off Qf5
[ 48.Kxf3 Qxh3+ 49.Ke2 Qf5± ]
[ 48.Rxc3 Qxe7 49.Qd3+ *( 49.Qxc7 Qg5+ 50.Kxf3 Rf8+ 51.Ke2 Qxb5+ 52.Qc4 Qxc4+ 53.Rxc4 Kg8=; 49.Rxf3 Qd6+ 50.Rf4 Rf8±; 49.Kxf3 Qg5= )* 49...Kh8± ]
[ 48.Qxc3 Rxe7 49.Qc2+ *( 49.Kxf3 Qd5+ 50.Kg3 Qxb5=; 49.Rxf3 Qxb5 50.Qc2+ g6= )* 49...Kh8± ]
**48...Qd6+?** 6.28/28
[ 48...Kg6 2.48/17 49.Rxc3 *( 49.Qxc3 Rxe7 50.Rxe7 Qxe7± )* 49...Qxe7 50.Qxe7 *( 50.Qxc7 Qg5+ 51.Kxf3 Rf8+ 52.Ke2 Qxb5+ 53.Qc4 Rf5=; 50.Kxf3 Qe4+ 51.Kg3 Re5= )* 50...Rxe7 ]
**49.Qxd6!** White is clearly winning.
[ 49.Kxf3? too greedy. Qxc5 50.b6 cxb6-+ *( 50...Qxb6? 51.Re2-+ )*]
**49...cxd6 50.Rxc3 Rxe7** KR-KR **51.b6**
[ 51.Kxf3 Rb7± ]
**51...Rb7 52.Rc6**
[ 52.Kxf3 Rxb6 53.Rc4 d5 54.Rh4+ Kg8= ]
[ 52.Rb3 Kg6 53.Kxf3 Kf5 54.Rb5+ Ke6± ]
**52...Rf7 53.Rxd6 Rf5 54.b7 Rb5 55.Rd7**
[ Not 55.Kxf3 Rxb7 56.Rd5 g6= ]
**55...Kg6 56.h4 Kf6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise)
**57.h5** Promotion
**1-0**

**167** **C78**
□ **Moeykens,Charles** **1832**
■ **Fernandez,Daniel** **2327**
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*[Kitty Kat]*

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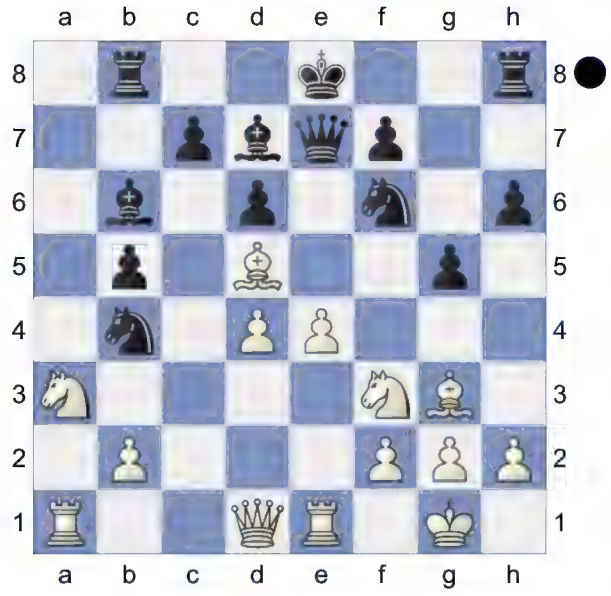
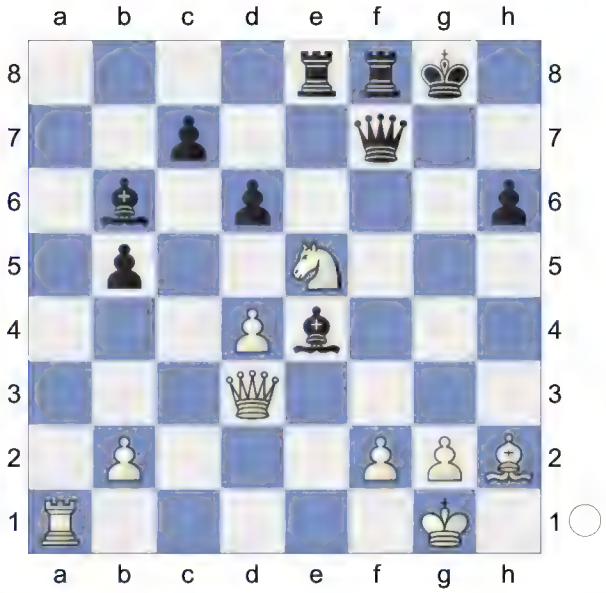
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Bd5N** -0.36/25
[ 9.a4= 0.29/21 ]
[ 9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**9...Bd7** 0.53/24
[ 9...Nxd5∓ -0.36/25 10.exd5 Ne7 ]
**10.Bg5** -0.44/24
[ 10.dxe5± 0.53/24 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 ]
**10...h6∓ 11.Bh4** Black is slightly better.

**11...Qe7** 0.54/22
[Better is 11...g5∓ -0.54/22 12.dxe5 gxh4 13.exf6 h3 *( 13...Qxf6 14.h3= )*]
**12.a4 Rb8** 0.70/23
[ ⌓12...0-0 0.34/22 ]
**13.axb5** 0.22/22
[ 13.Re1± 0.70/23 ]
**13...axb5= 14.Na3 exd4** 0.62/26
[ 14...b4 1.46/26 14...0-0 0.33 15.Nc4 bxc3 16.bxc3 0-0 17.Re1 g5 18.Bg3 h4 would now be deadly. g4? 3.92/25 *( 18...exd4 1.68/25 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 )* 19.Nh4 exd4? 6.52/26 *( 19...Kh7* 3.46/23 *20.Bxc6 Bxc6 )* 20.Bxc6 2.82/23 *( ⌓20.Ng6* 6.52/26 *)* 20...Bxc6 ]
[ 14...0-0= 0.25/27 ]
**15.cxd4** 0.01/23
[Much weaker is 15.Nxb5 dxc3 16.Nxc3 Ne5= ]
[White should play 15.Bxc6!± 0.62/26 Bxc6 16.Nxd4 Bxe4 *( 16...Qxe4? 17.Re1+-* Pin; *16...Bxd4 17.Qxd4 g5 18.Bg3± )* 17.Re1 ]
**15...g5 16.Bg3** Re1 is in the air
**16...Nb4 17.Re1**



**0-0 18.Qd2?** -1.69/25
[ 18.Bb3!= 0.18/22 ]
**18...Nbxd5-+ 19.exd5 Ne4 20.Qe2** -2.54/26
[ 20.Qd1∓ -1.26/23 ]
**20...f5** Strongly threatening ...Qf7.
**21.Nc2?** -4.24/24
[ 21.Nd2 -2.01/23 ]
**21...Rbe8 22.h3 Qf7 23.Qd3 Qxd5 24.Ne3 Qf7** Black is clearly winning.
**25.Bh2 g4 26.hxg4 fxg4 27.Nxg4 Bxg4 28.Rxe4 Bf5**
[Less strong is 28...Bxf3 29.Rxe8 Qxe8 *( 29...Rxe8 30.gxf3 Qg7+ 31.Kh1= )* 30.gxf3∓ ]
**29.Ne5 Bxe4**

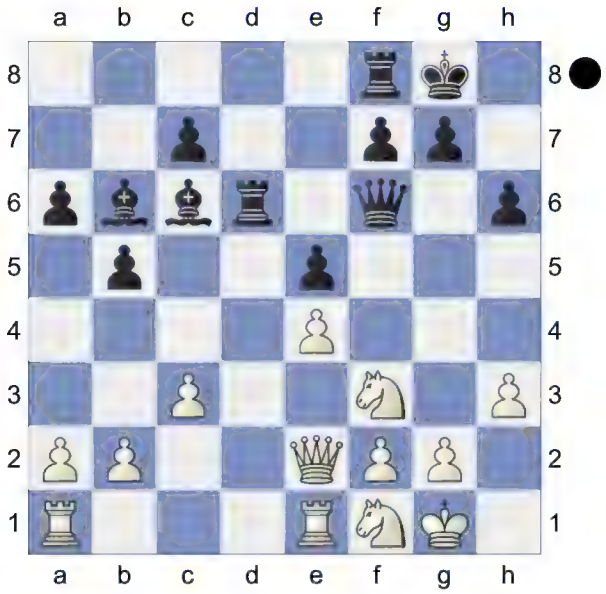


Discovered Attack. A strong pair of Bishops. **30.Qg3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.24 (precise)
**30...Qg7**
**0-1**

**168** **C78**
□ **Krnak,Vladimir** **2256**
■ **Tarhan,Adar** **1952**
EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains (9) 27.12.2022
*[TA]*

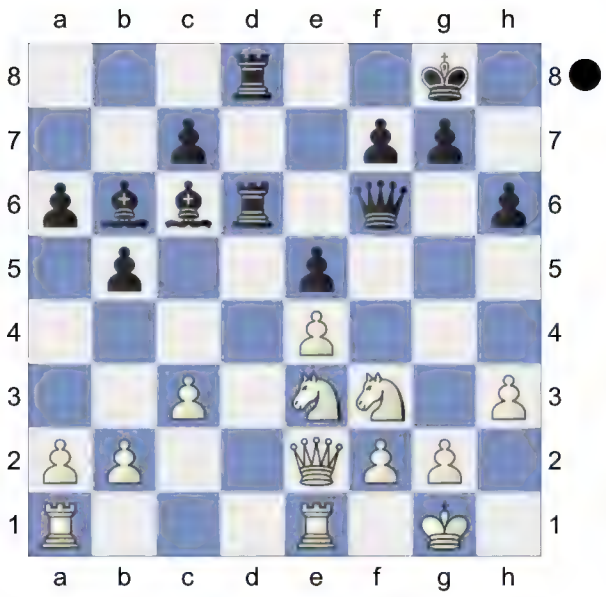
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.h3**
[ 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.a3 c4 16.axb4 cxb3 17.d5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Nxd5 19.Qd4 Nf4 20.Nxb3 Be6 21.Na5 Qd7 22.Qe3 g5 23.Nd4 f5 1-0 (58) Carlsen,M (2835)-Caruana,F (2782) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (2.1) ]
**9...0-0 10.Re1N**
[ 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nxe4 12.Bd5 Qe8 13.Qc2 Nb4 14.Qxe4 Qxe4 15.Bxe4 d5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.Nc3 Bb7 18.Rac1 Nd3 19.Rc2 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd1 Rac8 22.Nxd5 Rfd8 23.Ng5+ Kg8 24.Rcd2 Bxd5 1-0 (49) Keller,E (2200)-The Meran Variation (2000) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (4) ]
**10...Bb7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6** -0.69/20
[ 12.Bh4= 0.15/22 ]
**12...Qxf6∓ 13.Bd5** Black is better.
**13...Rab8 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nbd2**
[ 16.Qe2 -1.55/22 16.Nbd2 -0.81 Rfd8 -0.77/19 *( ⌓16...Qf4 -1.55/22 17.Nbd2 Rbd8 )* 17.Na3 -1.78/20 *( 17.Nbd2∓ -0.77/19* was called for.*)* 17...Rd7 18.Rad1 Rbd8 -0.80/20 *( 18...Rxd1-+ -1.61/23 19.Rxd1 Qf4 )* 19.Rxd7∓ Rxd7 20.Nc2 Qd6 -0.45/21 *( 20...Bb7∓ -0.99/22 21.Nb4 Qd6 )* 21.Rc1 -1.59/24 *( 21.Nb4∓ -0.45/21 Bb7 22.Nd5 )* 21...f6∓ 22.a3 ]
**16...Rbd8** -0.43/20
[ 16...Rfd8∓ -0.79/20 ]
**17.Qe2** -1.47/21
[Better is 17.Qc2∓ -0.43/20 ]
**17...Rd6** -0.99/22 Black is much more active.
[ ⌓17...Qf4 -1.47/21 18.c4 Kh7 ]
**18.Nf1?** -2.50/20
[ 18.b4∓ -0.99/22 ]




**18...Rfd8** -1.28/20
[Black should try 18...Qf4!-+ -2.50/20 And now ...f5 would win. 19.g3 Qf6 ]
**19.Ne3** -2.47/21
[ 19.Rac1∓ -1.28/20 ]

(Diagram)

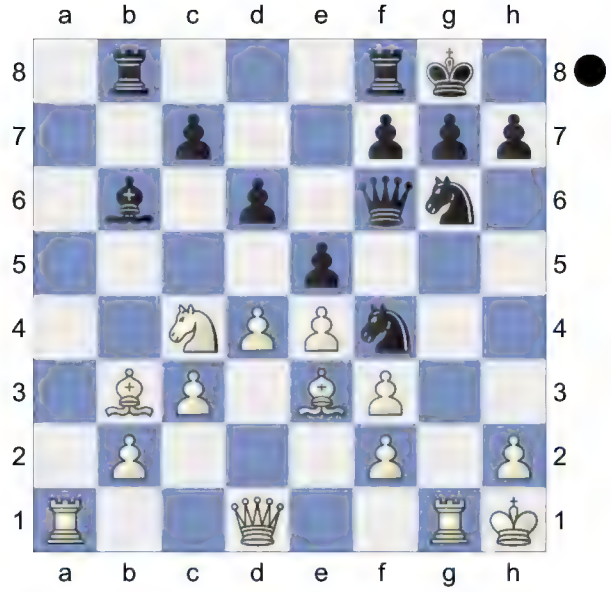


**19...Bxe3** -1.11/23
[ 19...Bxe4 20.Ng4 Qg6 21.Qxe4± ]
[ 19...Qf4!-+ -2.47/21 20.Nf1 b4 ]
**20.Qxe3∓ Bb7** -0.09/24
[ 20...Rd3∓ -1.22/22 21.Qc5 Re8 ]
**21.Qc5= Rc6 22.Qe3 Bc8 23.a4 bxa4 24.Rxa4 Rb6 25.b4 Bd7 26.Raa1 Bb5 27.Red1** Inhibits Rd3. **27...Rbd6 28.Rdc1** -5.01/25
[ 28.Rxd6= -0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry. Qxd6 29.Kh2 ]
**28...Rd3-+ 29.Qe1 Rxf3 30.gxf3 Rd6?** -0.78/24
[ 30...Qxf3 31.c4 *( 31.Qe3 Qxe3 32.fxe3 f6= )* 31...Bc6 32.Qe3= *( 32.Rxa6? Bxe4-+ )*]
[ 30...Qg5+-+ -5.42/28 has better winning chances. 31.Kh1 Rd3 ]
**31.c4∓ Bd7 32.Rd1?** -#11/24
[ 32.Ra3∓ -0.46/23 ]
**32...Bxh3** ( -> …Qg5+) **33.Kh2 Qxf3?** -0.01/26
[ 33...Qh4 -#10/22 mates 34.Rxa6 Rxa6 35.Qd2 Bf1+ 36.Kg1 Qh3 *( 36...Bxc4? 37.Qd8+ Qxd8 38.Rxd8+ Kh7 39.Rd7-+ )* 37.Qd8+ Kh7 38.Qg8+ Decoy Kxg8 39.Rd8+ Kh7 40.Rh8+ Kxh8 41.c5 Rg6# ]
**34.Qg1?** -16.86/34
[ 34.Qh1= -0.01/26 Qh5 *( 34...Qxf2+ 35.Kxh3 Qe3+ 36.Kh2= )* 35.Rxd6 cxd6 36.Kg3 Qg4+ 37.Kh2 ]
**34...Rg6 35.Rd8+ Kh7 36.Qxg6+ fxg6 37.Rg1** Inhibits Qg2+. **37...Qxf2+ 38.Kh1 Qh4 39.Rd2 Qxe4+** -36.01/30
[ ⌓39...Bf5+ -#19/30 40.Kg2 Qxe4+ *( 40...Bxe4+? 41.Kf1-+ )* 41.Kf2 Qf4+ *( 41...Qxc4? 42.Re2-+ )* 42.Ke1 Qe3+ *( 42...Qxc4? 43.Rg3-+ )* 43.Re2 Qxg1+ 44.Kd2 Qd4+ 45.Ke1 Bg4 *( 45...Qxc4 46.Rxe5 Qc3+ 47.Ke2 Bg4+ 48.Kf1 Qxe5 49.Kf2 Qe2+ 50.Kg3 Qf3+ 51.Kh2 Qf2+ 52.Kh1 Bf3# )* 46.Rg2 Qe3+ *( 46...Qxc4? 47.Kf2-+ )* 47.Kf1 Bh3 Pin 48.c5 Qd2 Pin *( 48...Bxg2+* leads to mate. *49.Kxg2 Qe2+ 50.Kg3 h5 51.c6 h4+ 52.Kxh4 Qf3 53.b5 axb5 54.Kg5 Qh5# )* 49.b5 Bxg2+ *( 49...Qxg2+? 50.Ke1 Bg4 51.bxa6 Qe2# )* 50.Kg1 Bh3 51.bxa6 Qg2# ]
**40.Kh2-+** Black is clearly winning.
**40...Qf4+ 41.Kxh3 Qxd2 42.b5 axb5 43.cxb5 Qd3+**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.28/ Black=0.78
**44.Rg3**
**0-1**

**169** **C78**
□ **Wiesinger,Johann** **1897**
■ **Adamson,Trevor** **2004**
corr EU/SC-OR/464 05.01.2022
*[Stockfish 15.1]*

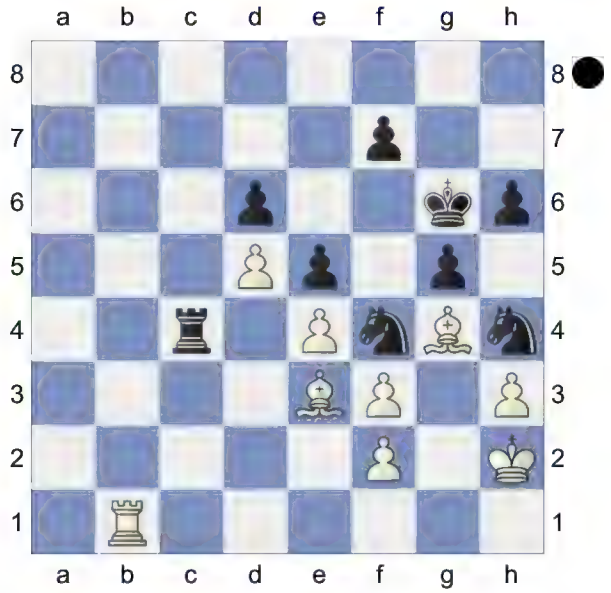
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6 10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Re1** 0.00/43 C78: Spanische Partie

(Archangelsk- und Möller-Variante).
[ 13.Bc2± 0.31/30 scheint genauer. ]
**13...Bxf3= 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Kh1** Die Stellung ist ausgeglichen. **15...Qf6 16.Be3 Nf4 17.Rg1 Ne7 18.Na3 Neg6 19.Nc4**

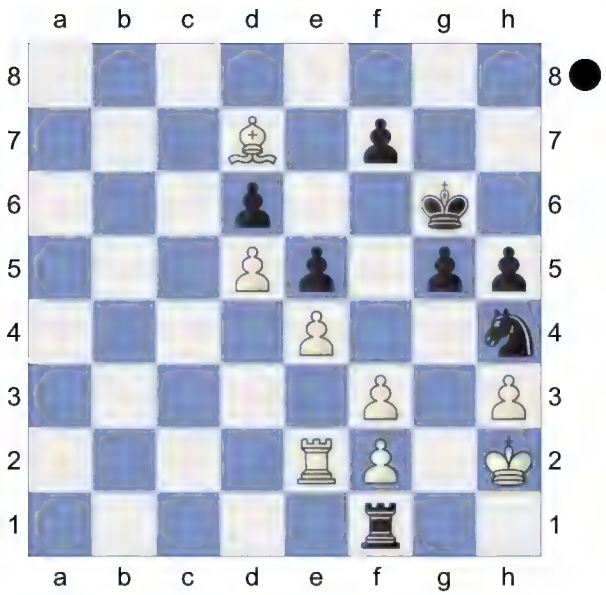


**Ra8N** Weiss muss nun ...Txa1 beachten.
[Vorgänger: 19...exd4 20.cxd4 d5 21.e5 Qd8 22.Na5 Bxa5 23.Rxa5 c6 24.Rc5 Qd7 25.Ba4 Rb6 ½-½ (56) Zuev,D (2503)-Volodarsky,Y (2339) ICCF email 2016 ]
**20.Ra4 Rxa4 21.Bxa4 Rd8 22.Nxb6 cxb6 23.Bb5 h6 24.Bc6 Rb8 25.Rg4 Rc8 26.Bb5 Ra8 27.Bc4 Kh7** Schwarz hat Kompensation. **28.Bf1 Nh5 29.Rg1 Nh4 30.Rg4 g5 31.Be2 Ng7 32.h3 Nh5 33.Kg1 Kg7 34.Bc4 Ng6 35.Bf1 Nhf4** Die Straße ins Nirgendwo für Weiß. **36.Kh2 Qe6 37.d5** -1.06/31
[Vorzuziehen ist 37.c4 -0.74/29 ]
**37...Qc8 38.Rg1**
[Falsch wäre 38.Bxb6? Qb7 39.Be3 Qxb2-+ ]
**38...b5!** &Nero steht aktiver. **39.Rg3** -1.99/25
[ 39.Bxf4∓ -1.08/31 Nxf4 40.Qe1 ]
**39...Ra2-+ 40.Bxb5** -2.90/26
[ 40.Qd2 -1.90/29 war nötig. Qa6 41.Bxf4 Nxf4 42.Rg1 ]
**40...Rxb2 41.c4 Qa8** Gegen Da1 gerichtet. **42.Qa4 Qxa4 43.Bxa4**

**Rb4! 44.Bd7 Rxc4 45.Rg1 Nh4 46.Bg4 Kg6** Zielt auf ...h5 ab. **47.Rb1**



**h5! 48.Bd7 Nfg2** Pair of Knights! **49.Rb3** -5.83/28
[ 49.Bf5+ -3.22/27 Kf6 50.Bb6 ]
**49...Nxe3 50.Rxe3** Endspiel KTL-KTS **50...Rc2 51.Kg3 Rc1 52.Kh2 Rf1 53.Re2**
(Diagram)



**Re1!! 54.Rxe1**
[ 54.Re3 Rxe3 ]
**54...Nxf3+ 55.Kg2 Nxe1+** KL-KS **56.Kf1 Nd3 57.Kg2 Nf4+ 58.Kg3 Kf6 59.f3 Ke7 60.Bf5 Kd8 61.h4 f6 62.hxg5 fxg5 63.Kh2 Kc7 64.Kg3 Kb6 65.Bd7 Kc5 66.Kf2 Kd4 67.Ba4 h4 68.Bd7 Kd3** -87.63/34
[ ⌓68...Kc3 -#29/50 69.Bc8 Kd4 70.Bd7 Nd3+ 71.Kf1 Ke3 72.Bg4 h3 73.Bxh3 Kxf3 74.Bg2+ Ke3 75.Bh3 Nf2 76.Bd7 Kf3 77.Be8 g4 78.Bf7 Nxe4 79.Ke1 Nc3 80.Bh5 Nxd5 81.Bf7 Ne3 82.Bh5 Ng2+ 83.Kd2 Nf4 84.Be8 g3 85.Bd7 g2 86.Bc6+ e4 87.Ba4 g1Q 88.Bd1+ Kf2 89.Kc2 Nd3 90.Kb3 Ke1 91.Bc2 Qb6+ 92.Kc4 Qc5+ 93.Kb3 Qb4+ 94.Ka2 Qb2# ]
**69.Be8 Kd2 70.Bb5 Nd3+ 71.Kg2 Ke3 72.Kh3 Nf4+ 73.Kh2 Kxf3** Schwarz setzt Matt. **74.Bf1 g4 75.Kg1 h3 76.Kh1 Kf2 77.Bxh3 Nxh3**
Gewichteter Fehlerwert: Weiß=0.21 (präzise) /Schwarz=0.03 (makellos)
**0-1**

**170** **C78**
□ **Riccio,Eros** **2505**
■ **Bosetti,Roberto** **2202**
corr 1.ItalianWebserver open tournament
*[Kitty Kat]*

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Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7 8.c3**
[ 8.d3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th_145686 1997 (3) ]
**8...d6 9.d4 Bb6** White has an edge.
**10.axb5N** 0.01/20
[ 10.Re1± 0.45/21
**A)** 10...0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 exd4 13.cxd4 g5 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Nxd4 16.Bd5 Ne6 17.Bh4 c6 *( 17...Bxd5 18.exd5 Ng7 19.Qf3 Re8 20.Nc3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Bd4 22.Re4 Bxf2+ 23.Qxf2 Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Qc8 25.Nf6+ Kf8 26.g4 bxa4 27.Bg5 Qb7 28.Bh6 a3 29.bxa3 Rb8 30.Nh5 Qb1+ 31.Kg2 Qe4+ 32.Kg3* (40) 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8*)* 18.Qf3 Kg7 19.Ra3 Bd4 20.Qg3+ Kh7 21.e5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 dxe5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Be4+ 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8;
**B)** 10...h6 11.Be3 0-0 12.d5 Na7 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.axb5 Nxb5 15.Nbd2 12. Ruy Lopez Moller-Moller 6...b5,8 ]
[ 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Bd5

0-0 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Nc2 Nd8 15.Bxb7 Nxb7 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qd5 c6 20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Nc5 22.Nxc6 Ra2 23.Rb1 Nxe4 24.N2d4 Nd2 1-0 (46) Porchel,B (1994)-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.g3 #2 (2021) PCC Premier 2 1985 (5) ]

**10...axb5= 11.Rxa8 Qxa8 12.d5 Na5** 0.35/18

[ 12...Ne7= -0.05/21 ]

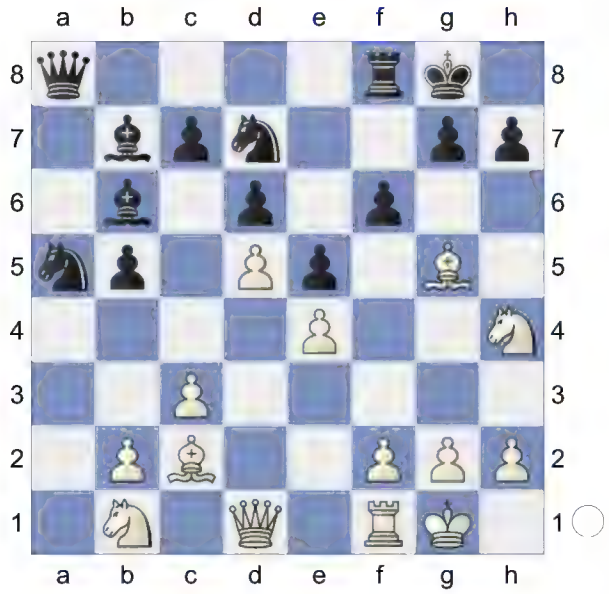
**13.Bc2↑** White is pushing. **13...0-0**

**14.Bg5** White now steadily converts the win. **14...Nd7** 1.14/21

[ 14...Ng4± 0.39/21 ]

**15.Nh4± f6** 1.47/19

[ ⌓15...Kh8 0.99/20 ]

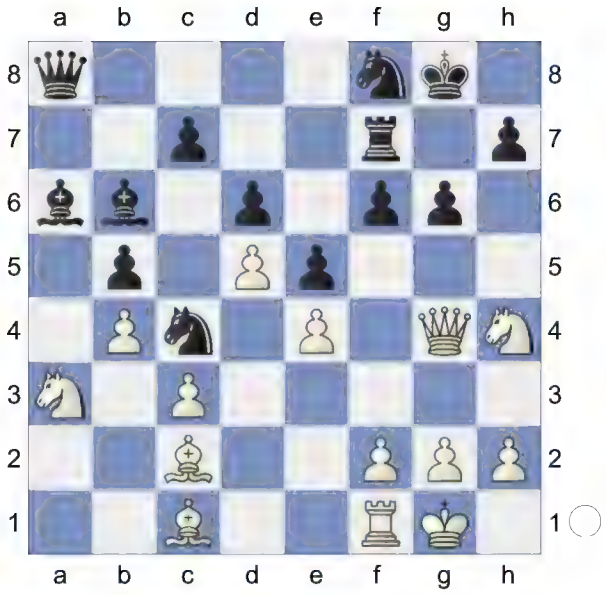


**16.Bc1! g6 17.b3 Rf7 18.Na3 Ba6 19.Qg4 Nf8** 2.65/21

[ 19...Kh8± 1.48/21 20.h3 Qe8 ]

**20.b4 Nc4**

(Diagram)



**21.Nxc4 bxc4 22.Nf5 Kh8 23.Nh6 Rg7 24.Qf3 Nd7 25.Ba4** Dodges Bb5

**25...Qf8 26.Bc6 Bc8 27.Re1 Nb8?** 5.33/22

[ 27...Re7 2.91/21 is a better defense. 28.Bb5 f5 ]

**28.Bb5 c6?** 6.21/23

[ 28...Nd7 3.31/21 29.Bxc4 Bb7 ]

**29.dxc6+-** White is clearly winning.

**29...Rc7 30.Be3 Bxe3 31.Qxe3** Threatens to win with Qb6.

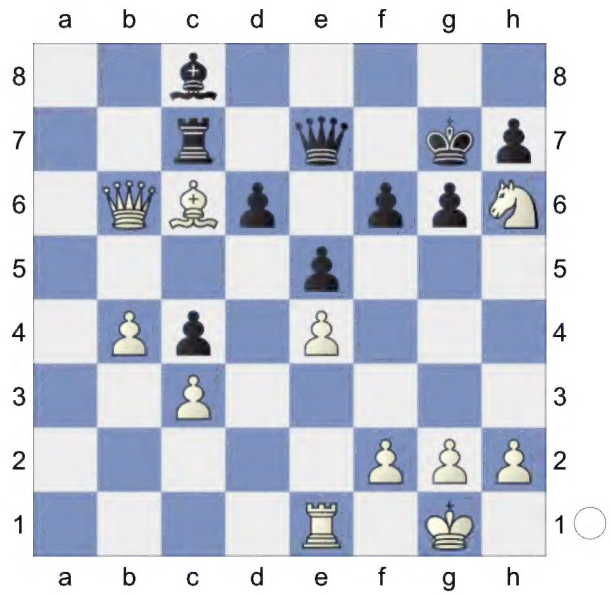
[ 31.Rxe3 Nxc6 *( 31...Kg7 32.Re1± )* 32.Bxc6 Rxc6= ]

**31...Nxc6 32.Qb6**

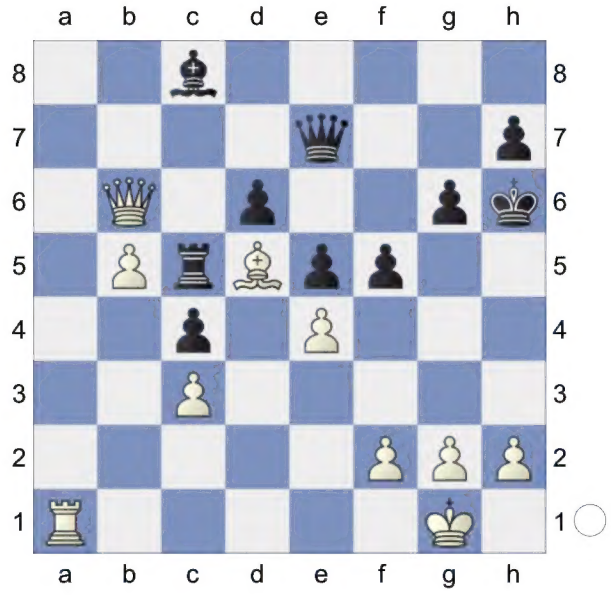
[ Weaker is 32.Bxc4 Nxb4 33.Nf7+ Rxf7 34.cxb4 *( 34.Bxf7 Nc2= )* 34...Rc7± ]

**32...Qe7 33.Bxc6 Kg7**

(Diagram)



**34.Bd5! Kxh6 35.Ra1 f5 36.b5 Rc5**

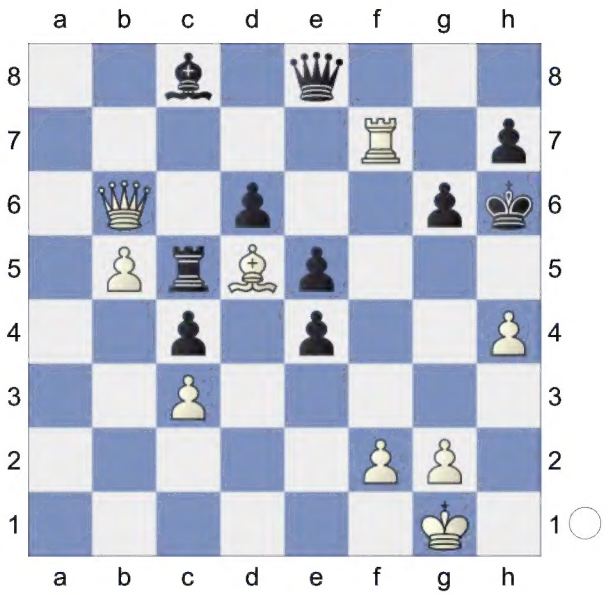


**37.h4! fxe4**

[ 37...Qc7 38.Qxc7 ]

**38.Ra7 Qf8 39.Rf7 Qe8**

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.88

**40.Qa7!**

**1-0**

**171** **C78**

□ **Debnar,Ivan** **2140**

■ **Ugrinovsky,Aron** **2170**

corr LIPEAD40/pr (PER) 15.05.2012

*[TA]*

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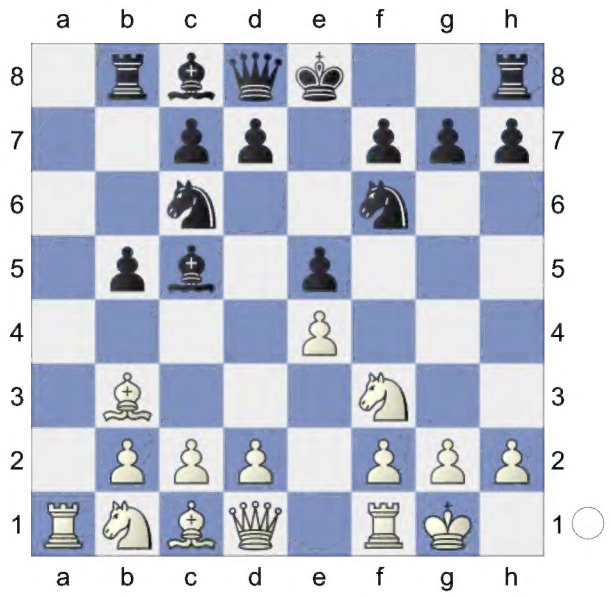
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5**

(Diagram)



**9.Nxe5!** Remove Defender, Deflection **9...Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4** White has an edge. **11...d6 12.f4**

[ 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 Nd7 23.Bg3 Nc5 24.f4 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Bg4 26.Nd4 Qb6 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]

**12...Nc6 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.e5N**

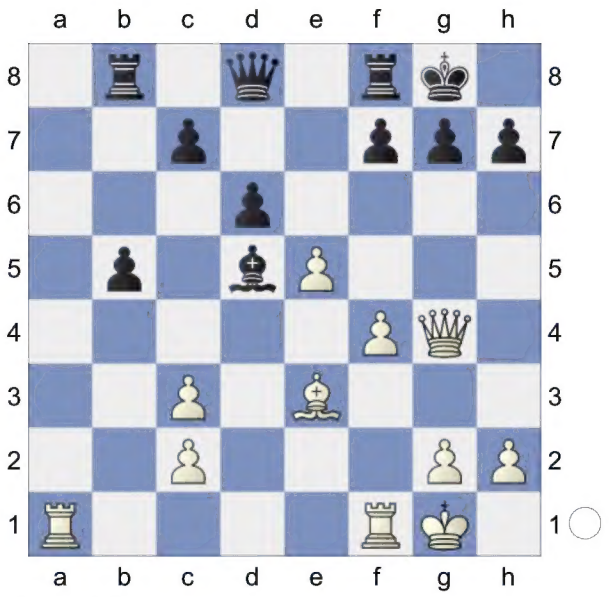
[ 14.Ra7 Bb7 15.f5 0-0 16.Bg5 Nxe4 17.Qe3 Nxg5 18.Qxg5 d5 19.f6 Ng6 Ye Jiangchuan-Tkachev Geneve 1997 ]

**14...Ne4 15.Qf3 Nc5 16.Ba2 0-0 17.Be3 Na4** Black is weak on the dark squares **18.Nc3 Bb7** 0.53/22

[ 18...Nxc3= 0.09/20 19.bxc3 Bf5 ]

**19.Qg4 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Nd5 21.Bxd5 Bxd5**

(Diagram)



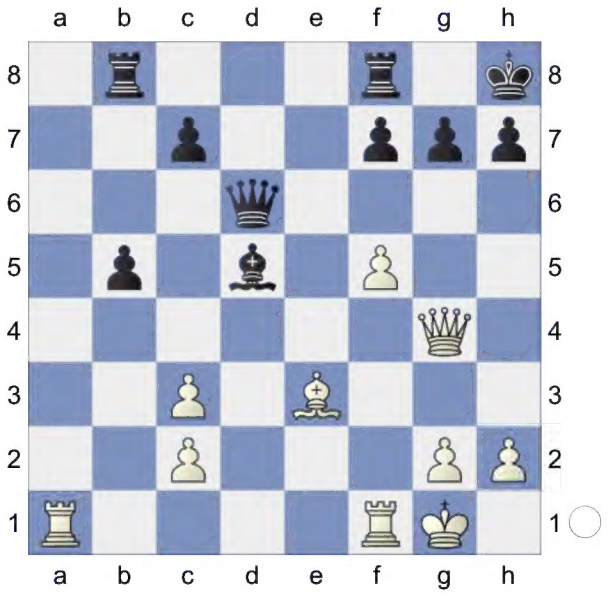
**22.f5! Kh8!**

[ 22...dxe5 23.Bc5 Qf6 *( 23...Re8 24.f6± )* 24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.Rf2∓ ]

**23.exd6** -0.01/23 White is much more active.

[ 23.f6± 0.61/23 gxf6 24.Rxf6 *( 24.exf6 Rg8∓ )*]

**23...Qxd6**



**24.f6! g6**

[ 24...g5 25.Rae1 ]

**25.Rad1 Rfe8 26.Qd4 Be4 27.Bf4 Qxd4+ 28.Rxd4 Bxc2 29.Rd7 Kg8 30.Bxc7 Rbc8** ...b4! would now be

deadly. **31.Re7 Rxe7 32.fxe7=** Endgame KRB-KRB **32...f5! 33.Bd6 Kf7 34.Bb4 Rc7 35.g4** White now steadily converts the win. **35...Ke8** 1.06/24
[ Black should try 35...Be4± 0.42/23 ]
**36.Ra1 Rc8** 1.79/24 Prevents Ra8
[ 36...Be4± 0.93/24 ]
**37.h3+- Kd7** 3.03/27
[ ⌓37...g5 1.77/22 38.gxf5 Kf7 *( 38...Bxf5?* loses. *39.Rf1+- )*]
**38.Ra6 fxg4 39.hxg4 Bb3 40.g5 Bf7 41.Rb6 Ra8?** 4.99/27
[ 41...Be8 2.51/26 42.Kf2 *( 42.Rxb5 Ke6+- )* 42...Rc6 43.Rxb5 Ke6 ]
**42.Rxb5 Kc6 43.Re5 Ra1+ 44.Kf2 Kd7 45.Rb5 Ra8 46.Rb6 Rc8 47.Ra6 Be8 48.Ke3 Rc6 49.Ra1** and Ke4 would now be decisive **49...Ke6** 5.87/25
[ ⌓49...Kc7 3.99/29 50.Kd4 Kd7 ]
**50.Kd4** White is clearly winning. **50...Rc7 51.Bc5 Kd7 52.Ra8 Rc8 53.Rxc8 Kxc8 54.Ke5 Kd7 55.Kf6 Kc6 56.Bb4 Kd5 57.Kg7 Bb5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.41
**58.Kf8**
**1-0**

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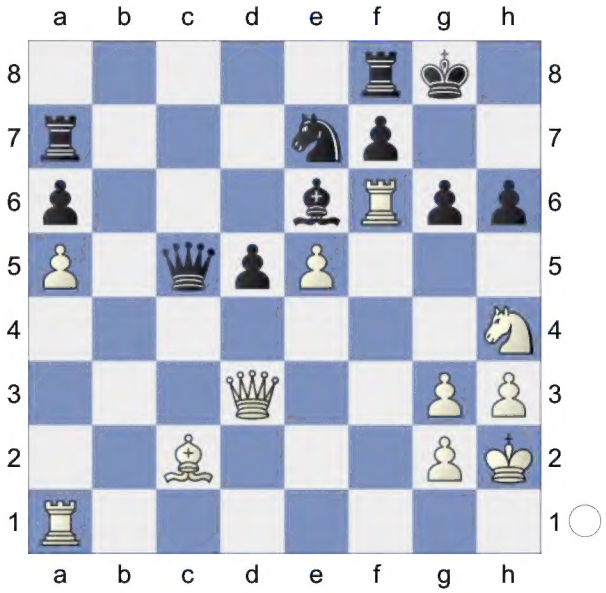
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences
Psakhis,Lev: 'Lalic,B: 'Inf 69/(319)'' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Bb7**
[ 7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.d4 Bxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.Bf4 c5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.f3 c4 15.Ba2 Be6 16.Nc3 b4 17.Ne2 b3 18.cxb3 cxb3 19.Bb1 Nc4 20.Qd4 Rc8 21.Bd3 d5 22.e5 1-0 (35) Chirivi Castiblanco,J (2094)-Cabiativa,J (1629) Colombia Talentos-Maestros online 2nd 2020 (1.7) ]
**8.d3 d6N**
[ 8...0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Nxe5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.d4 Bd6 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Ng3 Re8 16.Nc4 Qh4 17.Qd3 Bf4 18.Bd2 Bxd2 19.Qxd2 Nf4 20.f3 Re6 21.Rfe1 Rh6 22.Kf1 Rf6 23.Kg1 ½-½ (25) Polgar,J (2645)-Adams,M (2665) Linares 14th_145686 1997 (3) ]
**9.Nc3 b4 10.Ne2 Ne7** 1.19/21
[ 10...0-0± 0.46/20 ]
**11.Ng3** 0.80/21
[ ⌓11.Bg5 1.19/21 ]
**11...h6 12.c3 bxc3** White is slightly better. **13.bxc3 0-0 14.Nh4 Bc8 15.d4 Bb6** 1.16/21
[ Black should play 15...Ba7± 0.58/20 ]
**16.h3 exd4** 1.34/21
[ ⌓16...Be6 0.92/19 ]
**17.a5 Ba7 18.cxd4** White is more active. **18...d5** 2.01/20
[ 18...Nc6± 1.09/20 ]
**19.e5↑** Keeping Black busy. **19...Ne4 20.Ba3 Nxg3?** 3.85/23
[ 20...c5 1.66/21 ]
**21.fxg3 c5 22.Bxc5** 1.41/22
[ 22.dxc5 Qxa5 23.Qc2 *( 23.Bxd5 Nxd5 24.Qxd5 Be6∓ )* 23...Be6= ]
[ 22.Bc2+- 3.41/21 is more deadly. ]
**22...Bxc5± 23.dxc5 Qc7 24.Kh2**
[ 24.Bxd5? loses. Qxc5+ 25.Kh2 Qxd5-+ *( 25...Nxd5? 26.Qh5-+ )*]
**24...Be6** 3.25/22
[ ⌓24...Qxc5 1.75/20 25.Bc2 Rb8 ]
**25.Qd3 Qxc5?** 5.27/27

[ 25...g6 2.41/19 is a better defense. 26.Rfc1 Rab8 *( 26...Qxe5 27.Nf3± )*]

**26.Bc2+- g6 27.Rf6 Ra7** 9.66/22

[ ⌓27...Qc7 4.61/21 28.Nxg6 Nxg6 ]



**28.Nxg6!** Demolition **28...Nxg6**

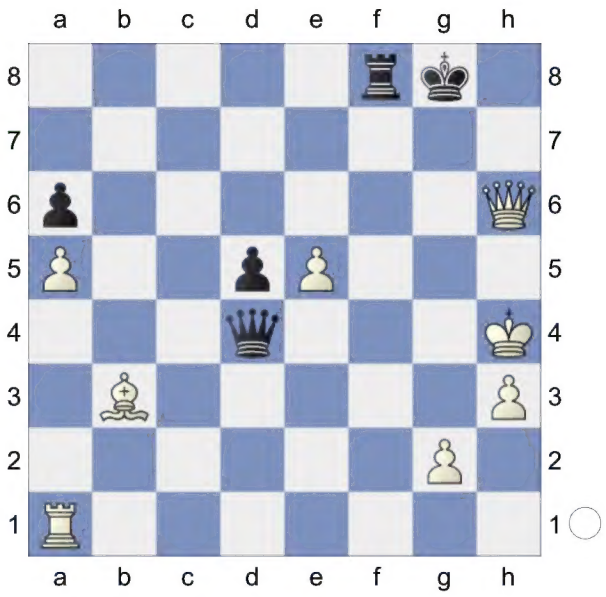
[ 28...fxg6 29.Rxe6 ]

**29.Rxg6+ fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Rg7**
**31.Qxe6+ Kh8 32.Qxh6+ Kg8**
**33.Qe6+ Kh8 34.Qh6+?** 0.01/5

[ 34.Bf5+- 6.09/24 Qe3 35.Bg4 ]

This costs Black the game. **34...Kg8= 35.Bb3 Rxg3 36.Kxg3 Qc3+ 37.Kh4 Qd4+**

(Diagram)



**38.g4!** Hoping for Rd1.

[ 38.Kh5 Rf5+ 39.Kg6 Rf7∓ ]

**38...Qf2+ 39.Kh5 Rf5+ 40.gxf5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/ Black=1.40

**40...Qf3+**

**1-0**